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DEMO FIRE

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Thick black smoke billows from the Specialized Aircraft Fire Trainer as members of the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Division and Department of Fire Emergency Medical Services extinguish the huge blaze at yesterday's demonstration before participants of the 5th Annual Western Pacific Islands Association of Fire Chiefs Training Forum. Jet fuel was used for three fire scenarios held at the Pacific Region ARFF Training Center at the Francisco Ada/Saipan International Airport.

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Firm named custodian of M/V *Luta*

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REPORTER

The U.S. Marshals Service has appointed the National Maritime Services Inc. as custodian of the cargo ship M/V *Luta*, which was seized on Tuesday after Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto filed a civil complaint in federal court against Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog and some owners of the ship.

According to documents filed yesterday by the U.S. Marshals Service before the U.S. District Court for the NMI, the National Maritime Services Inc. shall safely keep, and not allow anyone to "remove, molest or in any manner interfere with the [vessel], save upon the order of the U.S. Marshal of said District."

According to court documents, it was U.S. District Court for the NMI

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'Logistic: 1 cause of Dynasty's demise'

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Logistics is one of the reasons why Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino was forced to shut down, according to Pacific Century Inc. director James Chua. The hotel casino opened in the late '90s but closed last year, with main investor Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd. also filing for Chapter 11 protection.

Chua, whose company is involved in business development and project management and is a consultant of the Office of the Governor, said the owners did not see the future. The CNMI also experienced a big dip in tourist arrivals in mid-2000s—an effect of the global financial crisis.

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Nelson returns to MVA board

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REPORTER

Marianas Trekking and Flame Tree TV founder and Gold's Gym co-owner Chris Nelson took the seat of Vicky Benavente as a member of the board of directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority yesterday during the regular board meeting at the MVA conference room.

Board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce was delighted to have Nelson back as

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GCA hosts Japanese exchange students

Grace Christian Academy hosted several Japanese students at their campus on Navy Hill last Tuesday. The exchange students were paired with GCA students and were made to participate in certain events throughout the day.

Steven Kim, a senior at Grace Christian Academy and a member of the photojournalism team of 2016 to 2017, said the exchange "was a wonderful event.

"We had a lot of activities and even held an exchange gift session with our buddies. However, it was kind of disappointing that the event took only one day and I wished there was more time to get to know the exchange students better," said Kim.

The exchange program has been going on at GCA for many years. It usually consists of juniors from Japan, usually 16 to 17 years of age, who are paired up with GCA students, usually ones from either sophomore, junior, or senior classes.

There was volleyball, basketball, cooking, and several indoor activities, to name a few. Kim said the GCA students were given activities based on the hobbies of the Japanese students.

Kim said his most memorable experience was "when we exchanged gifts with our buddies. I think it was really beautiful that although we didn't know each other very well, we can still share gifts with one another."

Roby Pamintuan, youth pastor for GCA, said the exchange program "was good.

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'Crystal meth now sold as low as $20'

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REPORTER

It appears that methamphetamine or "ice" is now available on Saipan for as low as $20 to $30.

CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested yesterday in Chalan Kanoa two brothers who were allegedly selling "ice" for $20 to $30.

Herman Raymond Reyes Angui, 47, and Larry Reyes Angui, 35, both jobless, were arrested on two counts of trafficking of a controlled substance, trafficking of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a public or private school, and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Their bail was set at $100,000 cash each; preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 1 at 1:30pm.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Herman Angui. The court will appoint a private counsel for Larry Angui. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Task force officer Dee Liza S. Udui stated in her report that their "cooperating source" disclosed to them last Aug. 10 that a certain Ray and Larry are selling "ice" in Chalan Kanoa. The "cooperating source" claimed that Ray and Larry would usually sell $40 worth of "ice" to him/her.

Udui said they were able to identify Ray as Herman Raymond Angui and Larry as Larry Angui.

Udi said their "cooperating source" managed to buy "ice" from the defendants during separate controlled buy-walk operations at their residence in Chalan Kanoa last August and September.

Udui said that during a controlled buy-walk operation, their "cooperating source" managed to purchase $20 worth of "ice" from Herman Angui—about 0.33 gross grams of "ice"—last Aug. 16.

During the second operation, Udui said their "cooperating source" was able to buy $30 worth of "ice" from Herman Angui—about 0.37 gross grams of "ice"—last Aug. 26.

The task force officer said that during their controlled buy-walk operation their "cooperating source" managed to purchase $30 worth of "ice" from Larry Angui—0.36 gross grams of "ice"—last Aug. 18.

Udui said in the second operation, their "cooperating source" was able to buy $30 worth of "ice" from Larry Angui—0.40 gross grams of "ice"—last Sept. 8.

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They [exchange students] have actually been coming here for as long as I could remember and it's always a fun time. The students, both from Japan and GCA, can all experience great food, fun activities, and learn different cultures and that is why I really love this program." *(Michael T. Santos)*

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CUC enters settlement with former staff

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has entered a confidential agreement with a former employee, Carlton Stevens, who filed a discrimination lawsuit against the agency.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood dismissed with prejudice Stevens' lawsuit yesterday.

The dismissal follows the parties' stipulated request.

Dismissal with prejudice means Stevens can no longer re-file the case.

The judge said pursuant to the parties' request, the court retains jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the agreement.

Attorney James Sirok is counsel for CUC. Attorney Pamela Brown-Blackburn is counsel for Stevens.

Stevens, an African-American, sued CUC and its four officials for allegedly not renewing his contract as direct responsible charge operator in CUC's wastewater division, providing him a used and inoperable computer, and not providing him an office space, among other complaints.

In December 2014, the court dismissed the lawsuit. Steven then filed an amended complaint that named only CUC as defendant. (***Ferdie de la Torre)***

BECQ: Devt on Saipan affects environment

Saipan's environment has been taking a hit with all the development that is going on in the island, said Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality administrator Frank Rabauliman.

He said that infrastructure improvements are essential to accommodate the needs of the developers. Improvements on the sewer, water, power, and traffic needs are some examples.

"When developers come through the major siting permit application, they are required to provide an environmental assessment or impact. [They report] what is the impact on water, traffic, sewer, all of those, and a lot of them have to include the environment," said Rabauliman.

Rabauliman uses the upcoming Grand Mariana Casino & Hotel Resort as an example.

"They have offered to improve the Garapan drainage that goes out next to the Fiesta Resort, and that's because that drainage would impact the lagoon there," he said.

Rabauliman recognizes that environmental impacts increase as development increases, and with this, BECQ is doing everything in its power to minimize the effects.

"The role of BECQ and all of its sister agencies is to make sure that we minimize those environmental impacts. That is the purpose of all these permits; we provide all these conditions to see that all these impacts are minimized," he said. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

SUPPORTING THE HUMANITIES

IT&E supports the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's 25th anniversary fundraiser dinner gala with a Gold Level sponsorship that includes cash and merchandise. Pictured from left are Janice Tenorio, IT&E customer service manager; Scott Russell, council executive director; Dr. Brady Hammond, council vice chair; Frankie M. Eliptico, council chair; and Hans Mickelson, IT&E marketing and enterprise sales manager. Tickets for Friday night's gala dinner at the PIC's Magellan Room are available at the council office in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai or at the door.

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MISS PACIFICANA PAGEANT

Best Sunshine International. Ltd. supports the Miss Pacificana pageant, the Guam-based pageant that will be staged on Saipan tomorrow, Saturday, at the GrandVrio Resort's Fiesta Hall. In this photo, BSI Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz and her team present the company's $2,000 donation to Miss Pacificana co-owner and former queen Adrian Diaz.

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clerk of court Heather L. Kennedy who issued on Tuesday a warrant for the maritime arrest of M/V *Luta* and not Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, as earlier reported.

George Lloyd Hasselback, counsel for Yamamoto, explained that the "maritime arrest" of M/V *Luta* means that the federal court takes the vessel under its jurisdiction and hold on to it under the civil claims are disposed of.

"The ship has been seized. My understanding is that the ship has not been in operation about the last two and a half weeks anyway," Hasselback said. "But as it stands right now, the ship is in the possession of the U.S. District Court. It's in the court's care right now."

Hasselback said the company that they retained will serve as a substitute custodian on behalf of the U.S. Marshal Service.

He said the company will run the ship and take care of it until all of the claims in Yamamoto's lawsuit are resolved.

Hasselback said one of the things that they asked the court on Tuesday was to appoint a substitute custodian instead of the U.S. Marshal Service.

"Because the general procedure in this is having a custodian on board as opposed to the U.S. Marshals," he said.

In the lawsuit, Yamamoto alleged that Hocog and co-defendants refused to pay back the $3.4 million that he put up for the vessel.

Aside from Hocog, Yamamoto is suing M/V *Luta*, Luta Mermaid LLC, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, Fidel Mendiola Jr., and Robert Toelkes.

Yamamoto is suing them for breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment.

Yamamoto asked the court that the vessel be condemned and be sold to pay his demands, including interest and costs.

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"Basically, I believe the developer did not foresee the difficulties of bringing tourists and guests to Tinian. Logistics was one of the reasons. Until the logistics issues are resolved, it will always be hard to bring customers to Tinian," said Chua.

Having no direct flights going to Tinian is another problem, making it an inconvenience for visitors. "So when [clients] come to the CNMI, to participate in gaming, they first arrive on Saipan and take another flight going to Tinian. It takes up more time of the visitor since they only have a limited time on their trip," added Chua.

Rota would experience the same problem if ever an individual would want to invest in the CNMI's most southernmost island. "They will be needing direct flights and if not possible, they have to resolve the transfer from Saipan to the other two islands—going there and back to Saipan."

"It doesn't mean they have to fly jet planes between the islands; it is not possible. But some kind of creative idea needs to be implemented so that customers will enjoy traveling between the three islands—Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. There are still a lot of issues they need to resolve before anything can be really launched," said Chua.

He said the gaming industry could prosper in the CNMI. "I believe the CNMI has the opportunity to develop the gaming industry on the three islands. Saipan, Tinian, and Rota can have their own casinos but it must be different kinds, one must not be the same with the other."

Tinian Dynasty remains closed up to now. Alter City Group is developing Puntan Diablo Cove into a $1.7-billion resort, while Bridge Investment Group is constructing its own *Titanic*-themed hotel near Kammer Beach.

Tinian Dynasty was the first of its kind in the Western Pacific and had a 75,000-square meter floor space for its casino with blackjack, Baccarat, and roulette as some of the favorite games.

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a board member.

"Director Nelson would be on the board representing the small businesses. We are very happy to have him back because as a board member he comes in with a different perspective, which we really need so that the tourism industry is represented as whole," she said.

She added that Nelson's take on certain subjects provide valuable information that is usually overlooked by other members.

"We expect him to be a very vocal board member as he has been in the past. He brings up things that we don't normally see, which is really good. He has been co-chairing the business enhancement committee with Ed Arriola, and they are both doing a good job at what needs to be fixed."

Nelson himself is happy to be back in the board.

"I am excited and honored to be back on the MVA board and will continue to work on destination enhancement projects. We recently finished the Beach Pathway lighting project, which we are really happy about. People are using the pathway to run, walk, and spend time with their families. This is a project that means a lot to the local community as well as our tourists. It's win-win. Now we need to make sure the lights stay on and copper wires stay intact," he said.

Nelson is now pushing for the renovation of the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, which has been ongoing through landscaping, daily trash collection, security services, bathroom cleaning, signage installation, and tour site maintenance.

"Destination enhancement projects make our islands a better place to live, work, and visit and I want to thank the MVA board for investing in the projects and for the hard working people at MVA that help move both big and small projects forward," said Nelson.

'Rhythms of Grace' to celebrate 30th year of GCA

Grace Christian Academy will be holding a concert called "Rhythms of Grace" today at the American Memorial Park. It will begin at 6pm but attendees are encouraged to be at the site by 5:3pm. The concert is free.

The concert is being held under the supervision of youth pastor Roby Pamintuan, who is in charge of GCA chapel services, held every Monday. Pamintuan is also with "Youth on The Rock," a band consisting of students. The band performs every Friday at 4:30pm.

"Basically we will be playing an extended list of songs followed up by our guest speaker coming out for words of encouragement. The band from 'Youth on The Rock" will also be there to play a couple songs," said Pamintuan.

The guest speaker is Mike Rodgers from Kentucky.

"We are celebrating the 30th year anniversary of GCA," Pamintuan said. "Also, it's a way to reach out to our community with the message of 'hope' because there are a lot of broken or hurting people looking for a second chance. We also want to offer a place for families to just relax and start the weekend well."

For more information about YOTR or the upcoming concert, call Pamintuan at roby_pamintuan@hotmail.com. ***(Michael T. Santos)***

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Saipan firefighters demonstrate 'live burns' at aircraft

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Division and Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services demonstrated yesterday how to approach and extinguish three aircraft fire scenarios at the Pacific Region ARFF Training Center at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The demonstration was done before participants of the 5th Annual Western Pacific Islands Association of Fire Chiefs Training Forum. The three-day training kicked off on Wednesday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

WPIAFC president Stanley Torres Jr. explained the scenarios to the participants who are fire chiefs, fire officials, and their staff from the CNMI, Guam, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Marshall Islands.

U.S. Fire Administrator-Chief Ernest Mitchell Jr., who was the keynote speaker at WPIAFC forum, was present at the demonstration.

CPA and DFEMS firefighters, wearing proximity suits, showed their capabilities in extinguishing huge fires at the Specialized Aircraft Fire Trainer. Each of three "live burns" at SAFT costs $3,000 as jet fuel was actually used.

CPA ARFF chief James Diaz said the demonstration's concept is to enhance the proficiency of firefighters to perform their duties in actual aircraft fire incidents and to ensure their safety when they approach the aircraft.

"At the end of the day, it's saving lives and safety for all," Diaz said.

With the demonstration, Diaz said they want to capture realistic scenes as much as possible from an actual incident or in training-based scenarios.

With the help of the Federal Aviation Administration, the SAFT facility has been upgraded, Diaz said.

"Lot of vision from FAA and in our part in terms of aviation safety throughout the region," Diaz said, referring to improvement at the training center.

Andersen Air Force Base instructors joined local firefighters during the demonstration.

"This is in partnership within the region in terms of training," Diaz said.

In the landing gear fire scenario, an aircraft lands so hard that a fire occurs.

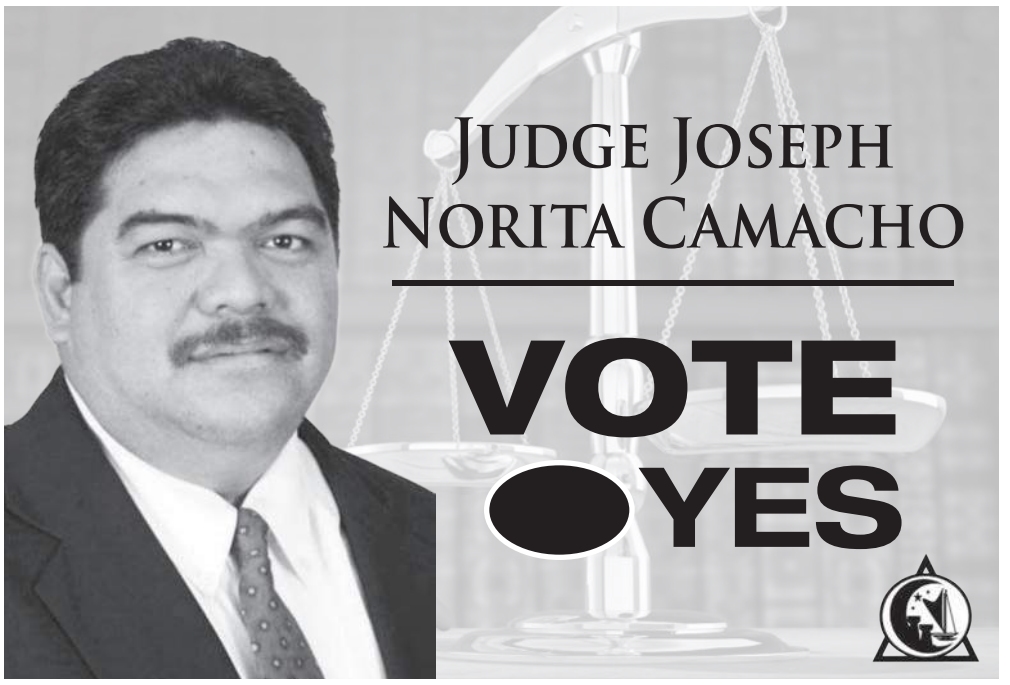
In the three-dimension scenario, jet fuel is spilling to the ground from over 10 to 20 feet high and burning occurs in all areas.

The third scenario, Diaz said, was if fire occurs at the aircraft's engine and wings.

"In essence it's how they approach the fire and how they use the hose in extinguishing the fire in order for them to control it," Diaz said.

Yap ARFF chief Dominic Brug said the training is extensive, but that he gets used to it because they do this kind of demonstration every year.

Brug said they are also doing the same training back in Yap. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



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Pacific tuna tagging focus moves west

NOUMEA, New Caledonia —To improve the assessment and understanding of tuna stocks in the western Pacific region, scientists have completed a research expedition during which they tagged 2135 fish, of which 75 percent were bigeye tuna.

The cruise, part of the broader Pacific Tuna Tagging Program, was organized by the Pacific community in order to tag bigeye tuna in more westerly parts of the tropical Pacific than previously attempted.

The 36-day expedition on board the *Gutsy Lady 4* included parts of the exclusive economic zones of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and the high seas pocket bordering these countries.

The scientific cruise was funded by the government of the Republic of Korea, the European Union, the Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission and the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation.

The tagging cruise used highly specialized trolling gear, originally developed in Hawaii, and targeted tuna gathering around drifting fish aggregation devices as well as anchored oceanographic buoys.

Trimarine, a major fishing company operating in the region, assisted the project by providing live information to the scientific team about dFAD positions with suitable tuna aggregations, which proved to be critical to the success of the cruise.

In a significant first for such research cruises, another major fishing company in the region, SoPacTuna, was on standby to provide dFAD positions live to the scientific team.

"SPC has been conducting these research cruises since 2008 and the results gathered have contributed immensely to the overall spatial coverage of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Program," the deputy director of SPC's Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division, Dr. John Hampton, said.

"This initiative has enabled us to tag close to 38,000 bigeye tuna in eight years, which would have been impossible using the traditional live-bait pole-and-line approach.

"The recapture data from the bigeye tuna tagged further to the east in previous cruises indicated large-scale movement of this species from the central Pacific to the eastern Pacific Ocean.

"The results from the current cruise will enable us to see if this pattern persists for bigeye tuna in the western part of the region.

"This will have important implications for how we structure future bigeye tuna stock assessments and on our scientific advice for countries in the region," Hampton explained.

During the cruise, four FADs were also equipped with satellite acoustic listening stations to record and send data transmitted by fish that had been implanted with sonic transmitters (73 tuna and 55 associated species including sharks, triggerfish and rainbow runners).

Such data helps scientists to better distinguish different species based on echo sounder buoy data and aids in studying the behavior of tuna and non-tuna species at dFADs so as to better understand the effects of dFADs on these species.

ISSF scientists that participated in the cruise are especially interested in understanding, for example, residency time, vertical behavior, and daily presence and absence patterns of the species.

Fine time-scale information, such as each species' relative depth at different times during the day, may help determine if the timing of a purse seine set to avoid capturing certain species is a viable management option.

A huge effort was also made to deploy archival tags (123 for the trip) with 76 percent of them inserted in bigeye tuna.

These tags, which are implanted into the body cavity of the fish using a rapid surgical procedure, have sensors to collect and store highly detailed data on fish movement within the water column and between point of release and point of recapture.

Hampton said the data from these tags should fill a significant gap in current knowledge of bigeye tuna in the western Pacific.

Twenty-five silky sharks were also equipped with satellite tags, which allows for the study of their migration patterns.

"The data collected provides valuable information for the estimation of fish abundance, movements and fishing impacts and we encourage anyone who may come across a tag to please contact us via email: tagging@spc.int or visit www.spc.int/tagging to assist us with this ongoing research," Hampton said. ***(SPC)***

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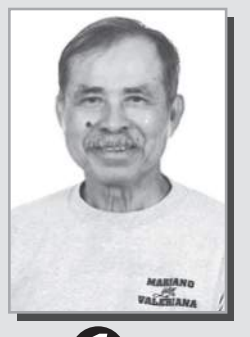

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Aldan moves on with CEC error

Rep. Edwin P. Aldan (R-Tinian) said he has accepted the honest mistake made by the Commonwealth Election Commission and has moved on from it. The CEC mistakenly assigned Aldan the No. 2 on the ballot instead of No. 1.

He said his campaign team had already informed his supporters of the mistake and sent out a message through their network that his number on the ballot is No. 2.

Aldan is seeking re-election under the local Republican Party ticket with Senate President Francisco M. Borja. He will be going up against Diana H. Borja for the lone House seat at Precinct 6.

Aldan said one of his supporters informed him of the mistake. "It was an unfortunate incident but I've accepted it. Things like this should have been evaluated and done properly. I brought it up to the CEC and they told me it was an honest mistake."

He added that CEC officials should always make sure all information on the ballot is correct. "I could understand if there's 16 people running for the House of Representatives on Tinian but there's only two of us."

"I should have been No. 1 but now, technically, I'm No. 2. I won't give them any problems and additional headache. I don't also want to extend this election because of the error. I would be content for now."

But he added that he would still bring up the issue to the CEC after the election. "We're not done with this issue. I'm still going to meet with the CEC and discuss about it. We don't have elections every day. Elections are either held every two or four years, or a special one."

He said the number is not that important to him. "That's why when the time comes, people should be doing their jobs, correctly. It's the name of the person that matters." ***(Jon Perez)***

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IT&E personnel begin to test the new fiber optic network for homes and businesses.

IT&E begins testing new fiber optic network

As it begins to test its new fiber optic network for homes and business, IT&E said yesterday that its customers will soon be benefitting from enhanced data speeds and substantially improved network performance.

"The initial testing of the new fiber optic network is going very well and we're already seeing very positive results," said John Compton, IT&E chief operating officer. "We are looking forward to rolling out the next generation of enhanced fiber services that will provide our customers ultra-fast speeds and better network reliability."

According to Compton, IT&E will begin offering fiber-based services in the very near future to both homes and business as the fiber network is completed in each village.

This new fiber optic network will allow download speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second (1,000 megabits per second). Among other features, the new service will also allow customers to access high-definition media content simultaneously from multiple devices.

Earlier this year, IT&E announced the expanded coverage of its 4G LTE network coverage to ensure that the company continues to meet customers' ever-increasing broadband needs. The expanded coverage area was made possible by the installation of new wireless sites throughout the island of Saipan.

"Our customers are increasingly reliant on high quality service and faster Internet speeds for their home and business needs," Compton said. "To keep pace with this evolving demands, we are making multi-million dollar investments in the CNMI to improve the data infrastructure like the fiber-based network that will soon be available throughout the islands." ***(IT&E)***

BECQ, govt agencies collaborate with Legislature on Sugar Dock

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality is collaborating with other government agencies for the repair and rehabilitation of Sugar Dock, which has become hazardous due to the deteriorating condition of the former Saipan seaport.

According to bureau administrator Frank Rabauliman yesterday, BECQ is collaborating with the Department of Public Lands, Historic Preservation Office, CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources on this project.

"Currently there are health and safety concerns regarding Sugar Dock because its present condition is falling apart. Kids and folks who use it for recreation purposes may injure themselves," he said.

The rehabilitation project, spearheaded by DPL, aims to restore and modernize Sugar Dock for recreation, boat lounging, and possibly ferry services to and from Tinian.

"There are submerged land issues, in which DLNR may be contacted at some point," added Rabauliman.

BECQ will conduct environmental assessments of the site, and will continue to do so even as the construction is ongoing.

"The other agencies are seeing if they can bring forth whatever resources or technical assistance for Sugar Dock, either rehabilitation, restoration, or reconstruction," he said.

There was a meeting on the matter last Oct. 25.

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NMI Crime Stoppers names raffle winner

David Banes was the lucky winner of the NMI Crime Stoppers raffle this past September. The NMI Crime Stoppers program organized a raffle for two roundtrip tickets to Guam via United Express-Cape Air.

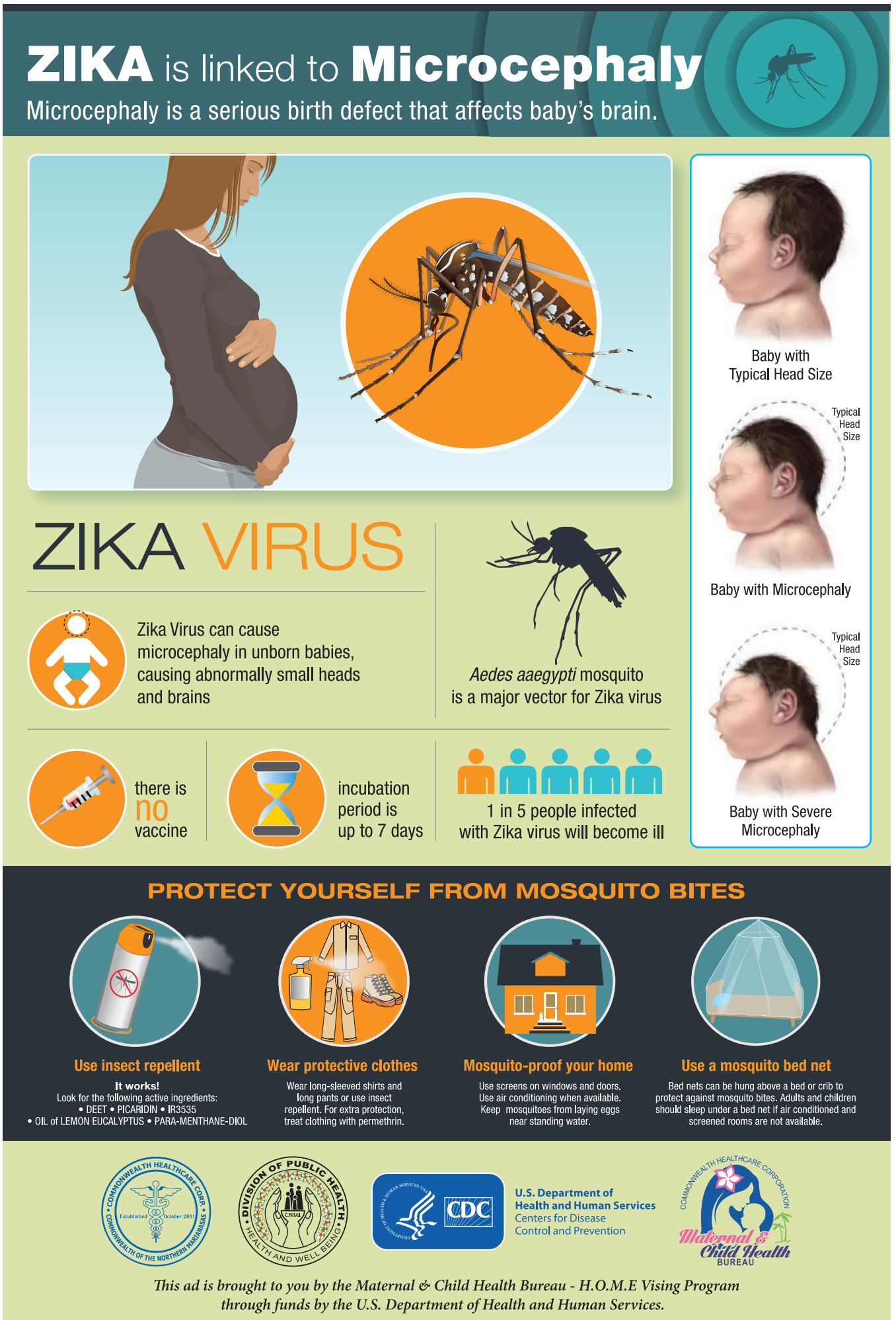
"We cannot thank United Express enough for their support of this important portion of our fundraising effort," said Brian Clayton, vice president of NMI Crime Stoppers. "This raffle helps us greatly in meeting our annual expense obligations. We are happy that United Express shares our mission of crime prevention and supports this very important organization."

NMI Crime Stoppers provides information to law enforcement to help prevent and solve crime on the islands. NMI Crime Stoppers has provided local and federal law enforcement hundreds of tips on various crimes in the CNMI since its inception in 1989 and has led to over 200 arrests made from tips to the program.

"Our annual Crime Stoppers Softball Tournament each year helps the operation going and with Untied Express' generous donation we can fund more outreach materials to youth and non-English speaking NMI residents, especially the Chinese community," said Peter Callaghan, NMI Crime Stoppers treasurer. "Only 200 tickets at $20 per ticket were made available to give our supporters the best chance to win. NMI Crime Stoppers thanks all those who purchased tickets and supported this great organization."

NMI Crime Stoppers allows anyone to report crime while remaining completely anonymous and receive a cash reward up to $1,000 for information leading to an arrest. They can call and submit a tip at 234-7272, www.nmicrimestoppers.net or use the Tip Submit app which can be downloaded on Google Play or Apple App Store.

For more information on the NMI Crime Stoppers program, sponsorship of the program or how to get more involved, call Jim Arenovski at 287-7037. ***(NMI Crime Stoppers)***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Interested individuals are invited to attend.

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARIES**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Orientation of a New Board Member
   4. Adoption of Agenda
   5. Adoption of Minutes – March 19, 2016

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

III. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. HPO Regulation Update
   2. Staff Archaeologist Update
   3. Historian/Archival Researcher Update
   4. Other Old Business

IV. **New Business**
   1. Zip Line Project (Saipan Adventure Tour)
   2. Alter City Project Update (Tinian)
   3. Human Remains Policy
   4. Saipan Review and Compliance Update
   5. Rota Program Update
   6. Tinian Program Update
   7. HPO 2017 Local Budget Update
   8. HPO FY2015 & FY2016 HPF Grants Update

V. **OTHER MATTERS**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Pedro A. Duenas
Chairman, CNMI HPO Review Board

Man who threw 'ice' from car gets six-month prison term

A man who allegedly threw from his car a tissue paper containing a baggie of 1.3 gross grams of methamphetamine or "ice" has entered a guilty plea and was slapped with a six-month prison sentence.

Yiwu Li, 43, signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty on Tuesday to illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio sentenced Li to six months imprisonment and gave him 74 days of time served. Kim-Tenorio ordered Li to pay a $2,000 fine.

Li, a Chinese national, consented to be removed from the U.S. following the completion of his sentence. He waived any rights to any forms of relief from removal and will cooperate with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security during removal proceedings.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on July 29, 2016, on Saipan, Li intentionally possessed approximately 1.3 gross grams of methamphetamine.

Stephen Nutting is court-appointed counsel for Li. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Drug Enforcement Task Force agent Roque K. Camacho stated in his report that while they were serving an arrest warrant on a suspected "ice" dealer in Puerto Rico last July 29, they noticed a man in a separate tinted car.

Camacho said the man, later identified as Li, then threw a tissue containing "ice." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Free 'Cash for College' workshop in Nov.

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that will assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am to 12pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

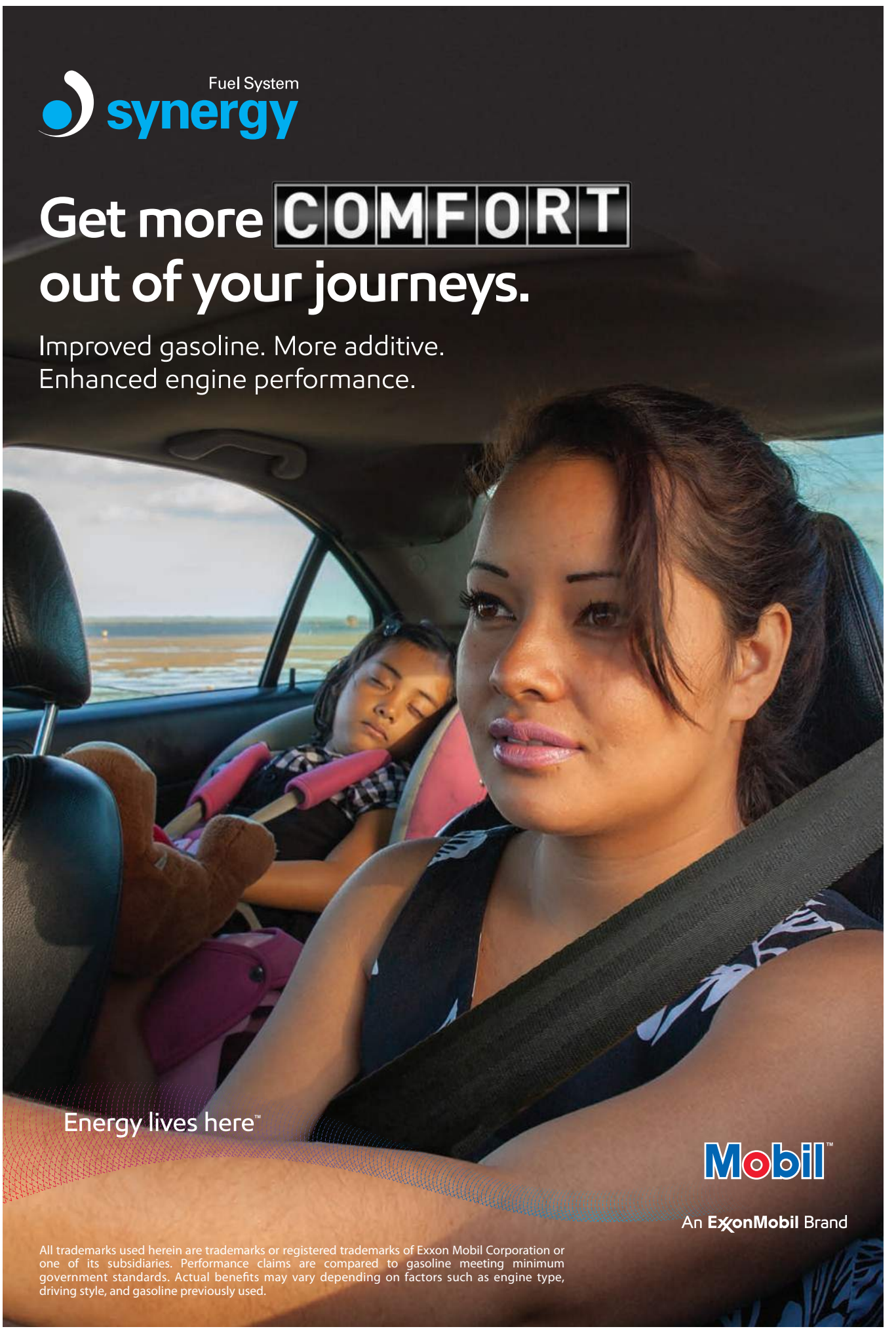
Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or emaildaisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Kagman High report cards out today

Kagman High School will be issuing its first quarter report card today, Oct. 28, 2016. The report will be sent home with students during homeroom. Today is a full-day schedule; class dismissal is at 3:20pm. For more information, call 237-3187. ***(PR)***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Apres Calais: The migrant cluster is dispersed; problem remains

A migrant washes his feet next to the smoking remains of a shelter in the makeshift migrant camp near Calais, northern France, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016. AP

The Europeans—in particular, this time, the French and British—continue to labor mightily with the major problem that migrants from the wars of the Middle East and of poverty in Africa continue to pose for them.

A million came in 2015.

Some 6,000 of them clustered in Calais, a city in France on the English Channel, close to the United Kingdom. Their goal was not to settle in France, but to be as well-positioned as possible to seek asylum in the U.K. This they wanted for a variety of reasons. Some of them speak English. The U.K.'s job market is considered relatively welcoming. The benefits it offers immigrants are attractive. The British are not as xenophobic as some of the Continental Europeans, even though anti-immigrant sentiment was one of the driving forces in the British vote in June to leave the European Union.

Nonetheless, the large group of potential immigrants gathered at Calais was a problem for both the French and the British. The area of Calais where they gathered picked up the unfortunate name, "The Jungle." The British and French, working with the humanitarian relief organizations, are now in the process of resolving the problem, to their credit. The British have accepted to admit hundreds of unaccompanied minors—that is to say, children who have fled without their parents. The French have agreed to take the rest, at least for consideration to be granted asylum status.

The French are in the process of busing this much larger group from Calais to more than 80 points across France, in order not to burden any one French city or region with a disproportionate number of migrants, a wise policy in terms of integrating them successfully.

The French and British governments are to be commended for their relatively quick, reasonably well-organized approach to the migrant problem. The American government's

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The fantastic pumpkin seed

With Halloween around the corner, people will be carving pumpkins into Jack-o-lanterns, and Thanksgiving and Christmas will give us the opportunity to dig into some tasty pumpkin pies. A little known fact about the pumpkin is that the seeds, and pumpkin seed oil, are nutritional powerhouses. And yet hardly anybody knows about this.

What follows has been quoted from *Life Extension* magazine, about the benefits of pumpkin seed oil. Its author is Walter Gamonski.

While most people only think of pumpkins on Thanksgiving or Halloween, the seeds of this fruit offer an impressive cocktail of health enhancing and disease fighting compounds, vitamins, and minerals that can be consumed year-round. In addition, they are packed with tryptophan and essential fatty acids. Emerging evidence indicates that pumpkin seeds represent a potent functional food in the battle against heart disease, osteoporosis, bladder dysfunction, anxiety, and arthritis.

Improved bladder function

Among its unique multitude of health benefits, pumpkin seeds stand out for their ability to effectively treat an overactive bladder, a condition characterized by a sudden urge to urinate that may lead to an involuntary loss of urine Researchers estimate that 16 percent of men and women suffer from overactive bladder symptoms such as urination urgency as well as frequent daytime and night urination. Although an overactive bladder poses no threat to overall health, it has been shown to reduce quality of life.

Several studies have shown compelling data in pumpkin seed extract's ability to support bladder function and combat the symptoms associated with an overactive bladder. In an animal study published in the Japanese Journal of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Science*, rats supplemented with pumpkin seed extract significantly improved bladder function and decreased urinary frequency.*

In another study, 45 men aged 65 or older experienced significant reductions in nighttime urinary frequency and improved sleep satisfaction after supplementing with the combination extract for six weeks.

Furthermore, pumpkin seeds might provide dramatic relief for aging men suffering from urinary symptoms caused by benign prostatic hyperplasia, or an enlarged prostate. Researchers revealed that 53 men ages 50-80 taking a pumpkin seed extract containing mixture for three months produced an over 40-percent increase in urinary flow and a 30 percent reduction in nighttime urinary frequency compared with those taking a placebo.

Thwarting heart disease

Pumpkin seeds modulate several cardiovascular disease risk factors. In a recent study published in the African Journal of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicines*, researchers found that rats induced with atherosclerosis and supplemented with pumpkin seeds for 37 days experienced not only significant increases in protective HDL cholesterol but also a 47-percent decrease in total cholesterol and a 78-percent reduction in LDL cholesterol.*

One possible reason for pumpkin seeds LDL cholesterol lowering effects is due to its high concentration of phytosterols, plant compounds that inhibit cholesterol absorption in the small intestine. Pumpkin seeds have the third highest phytosterol content among nuts and seeds commonly consumed as snacks.

While managing LDL cholesterol is often the focal point of many heart boosting regimens, research indicates that increasing HDL cholesterol might play an equally pivotal role in heart protection as higher levels have been associated with a decrease in cardiovascular disease risk.

Pumpkin seed oil has favorable effects on HDL cholesterol, according to a study reported in the journal Climacteric*. Researchers randomly assigned 35 postmenopausal women 2 g of pumpkin seed oil or wheat germ oil daily for 12 weeks. Measurements of blood lipids and blood pressure were recorded. The results showed that the pumpkin seed oil group experienced a 16-percent increase in HDL cholesterol levels in addition to a nearly 7-percent drop in diastolic blood pressure level.*

Pumpkin seeds are a rich source of magnesium, phosphorous, and zinc, all overlooked minerals in optimizing bone health and preventing osteoporosis.

Researchers at the University of Tennessee assessed the relationship between magnesium intake and bone mineral density, a major factor in the development of osteoporosis, in over 2,000 elderly men and women aged 70-79. After taking into account confounding factors of age, calcium intake, osteoporosis status, BMI, and physical activity, researchers concluded that higher intakes of magnesium were correlated with greater bone mineral density, particularly for Caucasian individuals. Researchers believe one possible mechanism for magnesium's beneficial effects is its ability to promote a more alkaline environment inside bones, which has shown to be conducive to boosting bone mineral density.

See PUMPKIN on Page 17

By RUSS MASON, M.S.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The unglamorous glamour of logistics

By ED STEPHENS JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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When it comes to iconic images of paradise, modern times have given the stalwart old coconut tree a rival. That rival is the laptop computer. Well, it's not just a laptop computer. It's a laptop computer on the lap of a smiling expat who is on a beach in paradise. It's a common marketing theme. It titillates people with the notion of slipping the surly bonds of corporate life and living it up in the tropics.

Saipan is one place were I've seen that image come to life. Admittedly, a plain beach is a pretty lousy station for a computer, but a beachside table or cafe is sure a workable proposition. Been there. Done that. Got the mai tai.

When it comes to pulling off such a gig it is, like anything else, as much an issue of logistics than of strategy. In most cases we can't really escape the office, we just have to shrink it and put it somewhere else.

The Boy Scouts have a saying about equipment: One is none and two is one. When it comes to computers, that's more than a saying, that's a creed, at least for me. I assume that any computer is five minutes away from terminal failure.

Fortunately, we no longer have to expose our expensive computers to the whims of the outside world. The world is awash with $300, and even cheaper, computers. Sure, they can't always do much heavy lifting, but they can absorb the rigors of the field while the heavier iron stays in garrison.

That's a blessing to heed. Life wasn't always so accommodating. After dusting off my memories and adjusting for inflation, I note that one of my first laptop computers cost about $3,700 in today's dollars.

Maybe those shiny, smiling people in the early laptop-on-the-beach photos weren't really grinning out of happiness. No, they were grimacing in fear at the prospect of seeing how fast salt water can convert $3,700 into a smoking block of worthless plastic.

These days, why worry? Heck, given the cost of fishing tackle, it might be cheaper to troll with a Chromebook. Is there an app for that?

Second only to the computer in importance is, of course, the laser printer. Here again, I'll submit that one is none. I'm regarded as something of an outlier on this one. Although my pals understand the importance of having redundant computers, the notion of redundant printers seems like overkill. Then comes the day when a big project is due. At this point, any laser printer worth its sweaty little diodes will blow a head gasket and leave you stranded.

If you've got an identical model sitting in a box on the shelf, you just plug it in, and you're done. Then you can take an extra-long cigarette break to reward yourself for your foresight. Ain't life grand?

Otherwise, it's not just the new hardware that you have to procure and mess with; the new software they bundle with the drivers can conspire against you, too. I don't want to mess with any of that stuff if there are other things that I should be doing.

On the printer note, I will report that I've divested myself of color printers. The industrial-grade machines at print shops always seem to deliver better results than my consumer-grade equipment ever did.

On the consumables note, I have found, sometimes by bitter experience, sometimes not, that it pays to keep about one year's worth of expendable supplies on hand such as paper, blank DVDs, blank CDs, paper sleeves for the DVDs and CDs, printer toner, mailing labels, envelopes, etc.

You may have wondered who funded the nice sign in front of National Office Supply. I think I get some credit for that; the sign was being built when I was first stocking the office I had on Saipan. I guess they saw me coming.

In most cases that I've seen, the laptop-on-the-beach gig is just the tip of the spear. There's usually a more conventional "SOHO" (small office, home office) in the mix as well. Note I said "usually," not "always."

I have also seen people who bounced back into the cubicle world because they flubbed their shot at a laptop-on-the-beach life. They got nibbled to death by the endless cascade of unglamorous details, chores, and last-minute problems. The operating system wouldn't operate, or the computer wouldn't compute, or the printer wouldn't print, or the CDs wouldn't burn, or the store was closed when a box of labels was needed, and so on. There's nothing as tyrannical as the vicissitudes of our liberating technology.

Some truths scale up and they scale down. This is one of them. From the largest army on the march to the smallest laptop computer on the beach, strategy may sound glamorous, but the mission rides on logistics.

LITERARY NOOK

Journalists and DNA: 'D'onald 'N'ot 'A'ccurate

By JOSEPH B. "PEPE BATBON" CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

boy oh boy what's up with Donald Trump and the public press
from where within him comes such vitriolic insults and hate
we know that the very far from reality star will never confess
why he's frequently down on and denigrates the fourth estate
at a recent campaign rally he called them, "the lowest form of life"
and also said that they were, "the lowest form of humanity"
perhaps seeing their coverage of him on TV brought him strife
his venomous comments verify a type of temporary insanity

nucleic acids, held in the form of a double helix make up our DNA
may well be the smallest form of humanity, with keys to our heredity
maybe a small part of Donald's DNA got mixed up in some way
so he can't control his mouth and comes across lacking in verity
what would Donald surmise the highest form of humanity to be
perhaps a billionaire buffoon with a case of unreal demagoguery

What the Old Rake Believes
—after Emily Jane Bronte's The Old Stoic

riches and bling I hold in high esteem
lust for women BIGLY I have every morn
lust for stardom is my lifelong dream
it comes easy enough with political *porn
as I spout more insulting words on air
and send out numerous Tweets constantly
'the election's rigged' 'the media unfair'
so 'believe me, believe me, believe me'
as my campaign nears its final demise
I go lower with more venom than before
trying outright denial with incredible lies
'believe me, believe me,' I must implore
so I toast myself with a gold victory cup
HRC's 'wrong, wrong, wrong','lock her up'

**'porn' is used to mean the depiction of acts in a sensational manner so as to arouse a quick intense emotional reaction—the pornography of violence. Think of when Trump has said, 'I could shoot somebody and still be elected,' or 'murderers, rapists,' 'I grabbed her p….', 'look at her, not my first choice,' 'lock her up.›*

Leadership malaise

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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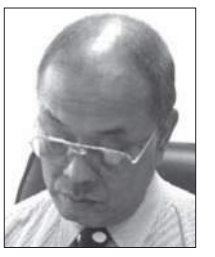

Apathy and lack of trust in government is widespread throughout the CNMI. This sentiment is as disturbing as it is troubling. It is easily seen among villagers who had to break out on their own to survive. It was forced abject poverty, full square!

You suffer from it daily. Take a closer look at the cringing faces of villagers the next time you're out and about. They're reaching down into the depth of their soul struggling to understand deterioration of family life in these isles.

Yes, we can blame it on the obvious lack of leadership—sense of purpose, clarity and organization—a disturbing phenomenon we all should be concerned about. Why keep selling the same item most people refuse to buy? Declaring the mantra "solutions driven" isn't a solution in itself other than a vacuous assertion that has failed and disappeared!

Investments: For all the failed public relations stunt that the economy has improved, the reason is simple: at day's end people ask if it has come down into family pocketbooks. The answer is a thunderous "No!" Look into your own family income. Looking for measurable improvement is like looking for a needle at the bottom of Lake Susupe!

Architects of casino did a superb job keeping the multitude in abject poverty land. It's like tying nose rings to keep them as obedient as slaves. This was done to allow the industry to slide in without triggering powerful opposition. It wrought confusion why the forced measure against their will when they said no, twice.

President Jinpiñg just tightened corruption at home that just killed VIP high rollers from moving money out of China to offshore areas like Australia. His grip included getting rid of junket tours in Macau. What are our chances of bringing in high rollers under the circumstance? *You Are My Sunshine* begins to dim!

The end of public sentiment against the industry is far from over. We've learned the virtues of humility and patience. You thought you've killed our "will" but we would return. Ever heard of a two-headed snake? You thought you killed it but it would return to haunt you.

Experience: As a people, I'm sure we're familiar with our ancestral history and our long journey since, the importance of fostering strong relationships among ourselves, our disposition as stewards of indigenous land, and issues we must address and resolve aimed at lifting all boats.

But it seems too that we have shortsighted memories of our recent past. Shouldn't our experience be the foundation of how we move ahead avoiding the repeat of the same mistakes?

At this juncture, it seems that our only hope is time, whatever that means. There's nothing that anchors our future other than ad hoc mode of disposition where we fend for ourselves.

Blurred vision: As it is, there's a prolonged honeymoon on the hill that ignores pushing for real diversified economy that lifts all boats. Look at their girth and you'd instantly see who has made it amidst the deepening deterioration of the quality of family life in the islands.

Plus, there's a "vision" on NAP. Wow! What warped sense of attribution relegating our very own into servility with handouts. What legacy in destitution!

While we bemoan corruption we conveniently look the other way when faced with culprits who've ruined the public trust. Again, at its simplest, it's leadership malaise and a tired multitude!

Forced poverty: Out of curiosity, I listened intently to the voice of our people or those heavily floored by forced abject poverty. The condition is the net result of leadership malaise! About the only thing that kept them going is our culture of communal sharing where even food stamps is shared with all family members. If not for this generosity, most would be in dire straits sniffing for survival somewhere between the shore and savannahs.

I tried connecting the dots why the grand sense of leadership malaise only to find that people at the helm have embraced at face value answers that kill the thinking process almost instantly. It's all linear thinking that kills the thinking process altogether.

Personally, this is very troubling! You must take issues of substance to the hilt in order to get clarity what is involved. You do this by asking deeply rooted questions, not reliance on the book *How to Lie With Statistics* or use of statistics without learning questions asked, *di ba*?

On MV *Luta* seizure

The banner headlines in both local papers about the seizure of the MV *Luta* by the Office of the U.S. Marshal had many readers wowing in disbelief.

The Japanese investor sued the MV *Luta*, Fidel Mendiola and his family; and, alleged Lt. Gov. Biktot Hokog for fraud. Biktot fancy foots as a spinmeister but he started this filthy mess so deal with it, sir!

This development has slammed open a whole box of Pandoras where defendants would be critically scrutinized in federal court.

As this moves on, it's also timely that we revisit the suspect ascendancy of the two cronies into the top posts in the local government. It brings into focus the legitimacy of governing without a clear public mandate!

Upright citizens must force the issue to resolve it once and for all! We pay taxes to build upon strong governance. Let it be a

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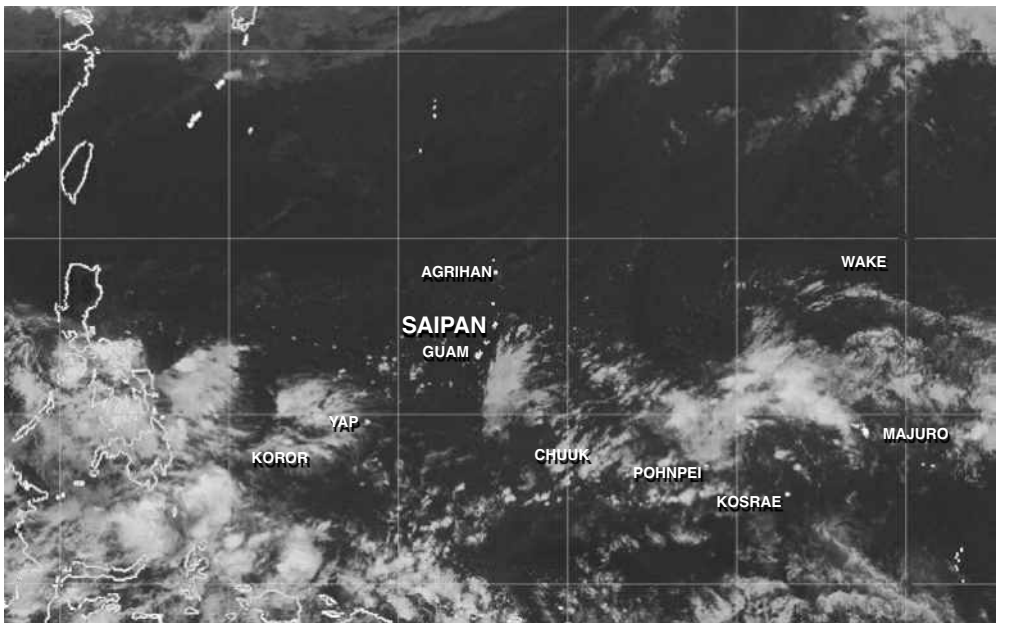
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲90° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:45 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016
WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the west of the Marianas waters. These are moving westward and therefore departing. Only isolated showers are seen to the east. The VAD wind profile reveals east-northeast winds of 7 to 11 knots just off the surface which then increase to between 12 and 18 knots from 2 thousand to 7 thousand feet. The weather balloon from last night indicates that the winds then increase to between 20 and 35 knots through 54 thousand feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Morning clouds	83 / 88 °F
Palau	Partly cloudy	78 / 87 °F
Yap	Afternoon clouds	79 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Mostly cloudy	77 / 85 °F
Pohnpei	Partly sunny	78 / 85 °F
Kosrae	High level clouds	82 / 86 °F
Majuro	Partly cloudy	84 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Morning clouds	56 / 61 °F
Beijing	Partly cloudy	36 / 53 °F
Hong Kong	Sunny	77 / 87 °F
Honolulu	Partly sunny	72 / 79 °F
London	Mostly cloudy	52 / 63 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	65 / 73 °F
Manila	Morning clouds	81 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Sunny	41 / 64 °F
Miami	Cloudy	76 / 81 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	46 / 59 °F
Osaka	Mostly cloudy	49 / 66 °F
Paris	Sunny	40 / 59 °F
Pusan	Mostly cloudy	59 / 65 °F
Rome	Sunny	47 / 68 °F
Salem	Morning clouds	49 / 62 °F
San Francisco	Cloudy	60 / 64 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	50 / 63 °F
Tokyo	Afternoon clouds	48 / 57 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	45 / 60 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
12:20 AM	LOW TIDE	0.43 Feet
6:12 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.65 Feet
12:16 PM	LOW TIDE	0.57 Feet
6:12 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.88 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Saturday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Tuesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	4:01 AM	4:21 PM
Saturday	4:48 AM	5:00 PM
Sunday	5:36 AM	5:39 PM
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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

PUMPKIN

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Easing arthritis

Pumpkin seed oil has also shown powerful antioxidant properties that might ease inflammation associated with arthritic symptoms. In a study published in the journal Pharmacology Research, *rats induced with arthritis showed significant increased levels of inflammation that were reduced when administered pumpkin seed oil; results that compared favorably to when the rats received the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug indomethacin. Furthermore, the indomethacin-supplemented rats experienced increased levels of liver lipid peroxidation, an indicator of liver injury, whereas the pumpkin seed oil group experienced no side effects.*

Anxiety relief

A study published in the Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology *revealed that tryptophan, an amino acid abundant in pumpkin seeds, might help alleviate anxiety. Since tryptophan is converted into serotonin, a neurotransmitter that enhances mood and promotes wellbeing in the brain, researchers investigated whether consuming a tryptophan-rich food could boost serotonin levels and reduce anxiety symptoms. They discovered that subjects with anxiety disorder who consumed tryptophan-rich gourd seeds with carbohydrates before an anxiety test experienced greater improvements in subjective and objective measures on the Endler Multidimensional Anxiety Scale compared with those who consumed only carbohydrates.*

Although the article did not mention it, pumpkin seed oil has proven hair-regrowth properties. I read a fascinating article on the Internet about the correlation between a daily tablespoon of pumpkin seed oil and hair regrowth. So for anyone with thinning hair, including me, taking a tablespoon of this oil will definitely help with new hair growth.

Lots of places sell capsules of pumpkin seed oil, but you're better off buying a pint bottle (or larger) and taking a tablespoon every day. The caps just don't provide enough.

The seeds are pretty good, but you have to crack them open with your teeth to get to the actual seed inside. Although it is possible to find pumpkin seed that have been hulled. They are a really healthy and powerful snack—even the salted variety.

LEADERSHIP

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government of laws!

Definitely, I've dissected what corruption encourages upon the greedy to secure superficial power and this is what the NMI gets in its passivity. This must change forthwith!

For now, bring out your popcorn and sodas for the MV *Luta* parade promises to be loaded with tons of comedy. *Gi finu` man-amku`, "Todu baba na tinituhun, baba uttimoña," ya estague` masusesedi pa`gu!*

APRES

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response has been less inspiring—slower, and less generous in the number of migrants Washington has agreed to take. The United States has taken this dilatory approach in the name of security, in spite of the fact that the wars driving the migration are in no small part products of American military intervention, in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen.

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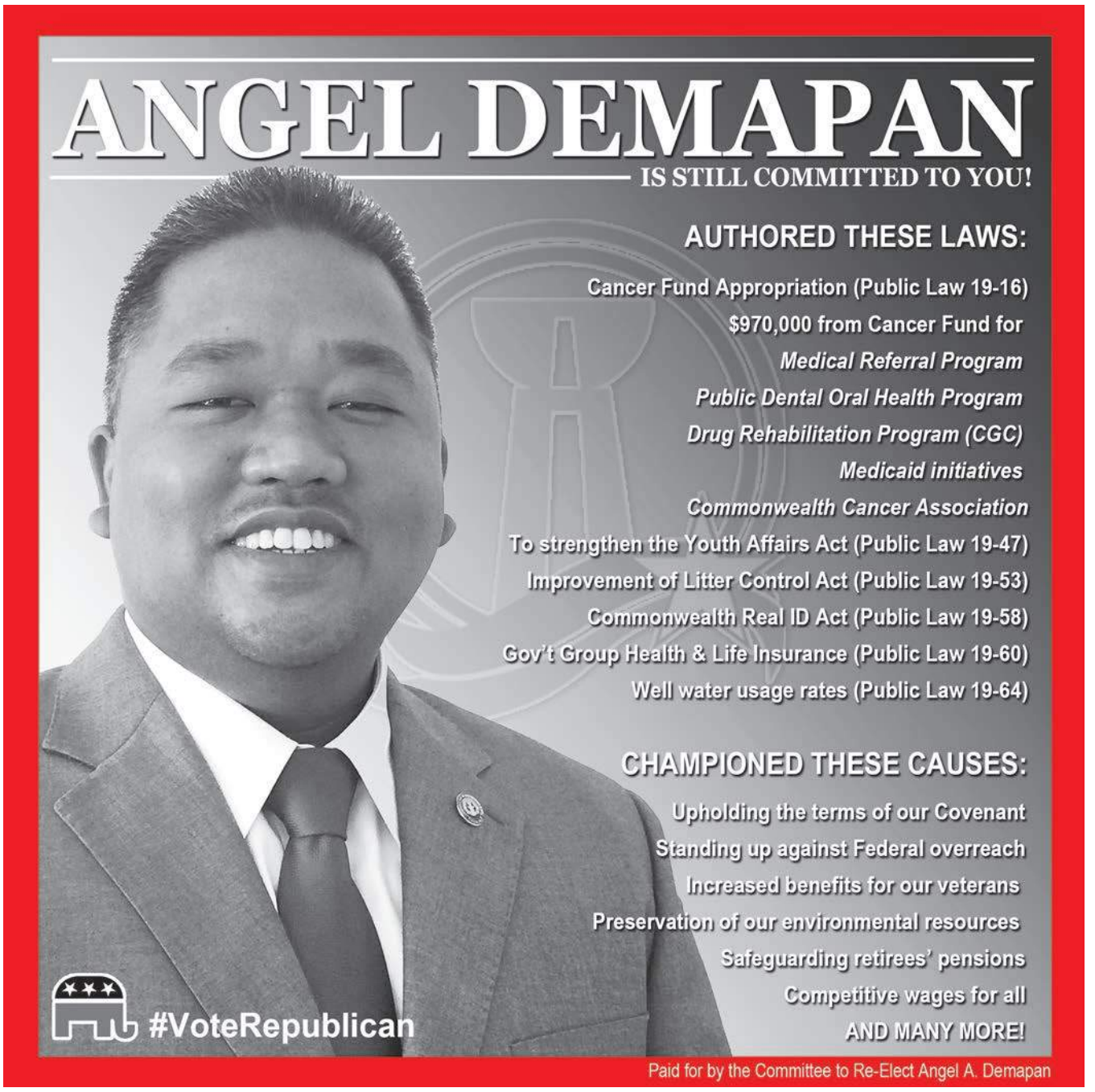
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'NMI-PH relations go way back'

The CNMI and the Philippines share a long history that dates back to even before both islands came under the United States, according to Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan). The CNMI is a U.S. commonwealth, while the Philippines is a former colony of the United States.

The CNMI and the Philippines came under Spanish rule with the Mariana Islands chain, particularly Guam, a strategic stopover for Spanish galleons to and from Mexico to Manila. Both the CNMI and the Philippines were also ruled by Japan in separate instances.

"The CNMI's relationship with the Philippines dates back even before America's influence in the Pacific," said Demapan, chairman of the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Relations that also oversees the Commonwealth's relationship with the U.S., the United Nations, and other foreign countries.

"I don't think these political issues between the Philippines and the United States would have a drastic effect on the relationship of the CNMI and the Philippines," added Demapan.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, during a recent state visit to China, said that he is "separating" from the U.S. The United States is one of the Philippines' top trading partners and contributor of foreign aid.

U.S. companies in the outsource industry have also invested heavily in the Philippines where it employs more than 900,000 workers and had a projected revenue of $25 billion at the end of the year.

Demapan said the Philippine president should not make abrupt decisions or even say statements that could strain his country's relationship with other nations. He even suggested Duterte to follow the will of the people.

"I believe that any decision surrounding the Philippines' relationship with another country should be a decision made by the will of its people. I don't think a decision of this magnitude should rest on the opinion and views of just one person," said Demapan.

Duterte also made a statement on requiring U.S. citizens to have a Philippine visa when they visit the country. U.S. citizens enjoy visa-free travel to the Philippines.

Demapan said this would become a problem for patients under the medical referral program of CNMI residents that would go to Manila to undergo medical checkup.

"That's an issue that the U.S. government will have to look intoh," added Demapan. ***(Jon Perez)***

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There was also a $1 photo booth to capture the haunting experience which was put together by BSI-CSR.

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s CSR executive director Geri Dela Cruz is surrounded by CSR staff in various creepy costumes.

BSI-CSR transforms Aging Office into haunted house

Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility transformed the Office on Aging into creepy haunted house Wednesday evening.

Close to 300 community-goers gathered to experience the transformation, as part of the agency's charity event that was staged to support future activities of the elderly.

This event is a joint partnership between BSI-CSR and the Office on Aging.

"CSR values its relationship with our elders through programs and activities that will support them. Our partnership with the *man'amko* is one that we are very proud of and the 'Man'amko Haunted House' is one unique way to ensure that our community gather in support of our elderly," CSR executive director Geri Dela Cruz said. "Our elderly were excited about this event and we are happy that the community came out to support."

For weeks, the CSR team invited partners throughout the community—the Lions Club, Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, Saipan Southern High School's Red Cross Club, and the Matua Riders—for an "adopt-a-room" to decorate and re-create a ghoulish atmosphere at the center. Together with the CSR team, the partners recreated the activity rooms of the *Man'amko* Center into a witches' lair, clown hall, asylum, cemetery, and dead nursery that paying "visitors" were able to witness

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s CSR staff support the *man'amko* fundraiser at the Office on Aging Wednesday evening.

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during their tour.

A few of the *man'amko* from the center also participated as witches and zombies.

Linda C. Torres, Office on Aging community development specialist and special Halloween event coordinator, said, "This is our very first Halloween haunted house for the *man'amko*. We wanted to try something different and something fun for them. They were also part of the haunted house as zombies and witches so it was definitely something fun and exciting for them."

"We are excited for their first haunted house. Imperial Pacific's CSR team has been great and they provided most of the materials. Imperial Pacific International's CSR team has been the main sponsor for the event so we are very grateful for them."

As a part of their effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle, majority of the materials used by the IPI CSR team were recyclable materials. The CSR team was creative with the use of props and decorations.

Aside from the spooky tour, the haunted house also featured a bake sale ran by the *man'amko* and a $1 photo booth ran by the CSR team held in the center's main hall.

The Office on Aging was able to raise over $900 in combined entrance fees, bake sale and photo booth. The haunted house event was the first fundraiser for this year for the Office on Aging. All proceeds from this event will go to the Saipan Senior Advisory Council and be used to fund future trips for the man'amko.

"When we came up with the idea, we weren't planning to have the whole facility turn into a haunted house because we knew it was going to be very challenging. With all the things that are going on, being able to partner with Imperial Pacific's CSR team made things a lot easier. It's not just easier, but it makes the whole event a lot better. It has surpassed our expectations," Office on Aging director Walter Manglona said. "When I walked in, I immediately was speechless. I am very appreciative of all the work that the CSR team has put in to make this a success so we can fund the *man'amko's* off-island trips." ***(PR)***

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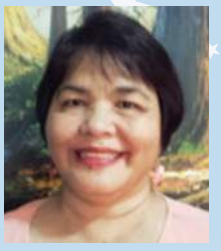

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Student prizes winners pose with presenters from the Marianas Tourism Education Council and Marianas Visitors Authority at Kagman High on Oct. 20, 2016. Pictured with the students are MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, MVA community projects assistant Jennalyd Babauta, Fiesta Resort & Spa F&B director Das Krishnan, MTEC board member Larry Lee, and MVA community projects specialist Ryan Calvo.

MTEC

Tenth graders of Marianas High School respond to questions during the presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council on Oct.13, 2016.

MTEC

Das Krishnan, F&B director of Fiesta Resort & Spa, demonstrates how to make a virgin Bloody Mary as part of the career presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council on Oct. 20, 2016, at Kagman High School.

MTEC talks careers at Kagman, Marianas High

The Marianas Tourism Education Council has visited two more high schools this school year to talk with students about working in the tourism and hospitality industry.

MTEC visited Marianas High on Oct. 13, 2016, and Kagman High on Oct. 20 addressing 10th graders on various careers available in the industry.

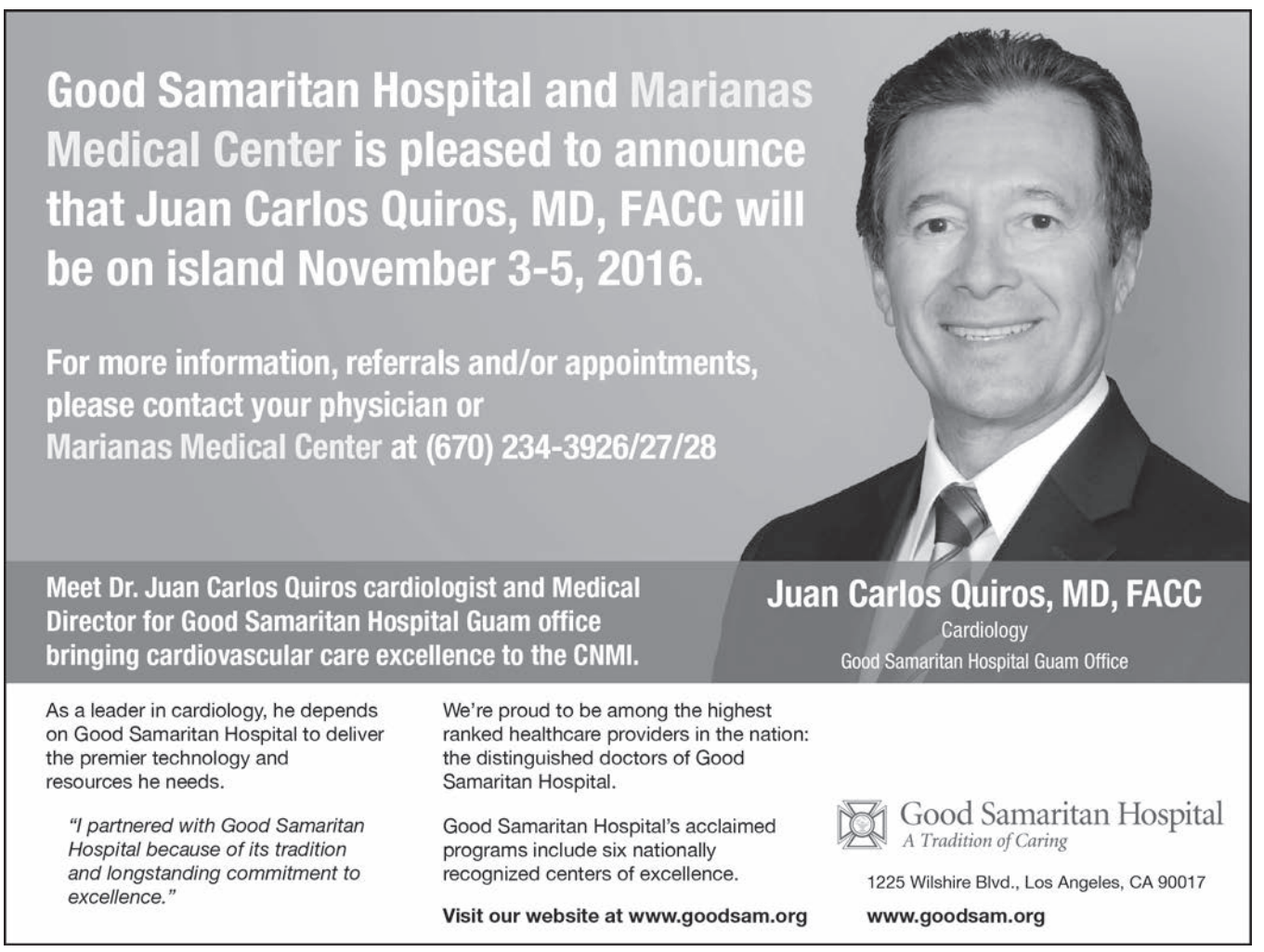
"We're planting the seed on what kinds of jobs are the students can think about in the near future," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "We have dynamic guest speakers such as Fiesta Resort & Spa Food & Beverage director Das Krishnan, who gave the students a sense of how and why to pursue a career in tourism."

Krishnan joined the presentation at Kagman High and shared how he worked his way up through the ranks, beginning his hotel career as a cleaner. In addition to providing an overview on the industry, MTEC is regularly joined by representatives of the Marianas Visitors Authority, who educated the students on the role and activities of the state tourism office, including marketing activities and annual signature events.

"When I was in school and in MY WAVE, I actually didn't know much about MTEC or tourism," said MVA community projects assistant Jennalyd Babauta, who now educates students on the role and activities of the MVA. "It's important to educate the young students on how important tourism is to all of us. They are the future of the industry."

MTEC is visiting public high schools this month, middle schools in November, and elementary schools in the spring. Last year MTEC visited seventeen schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in partnership with the MVA.

Schools interested in having an MTEC presentation may contact MVA community projects specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or MVA community projects assistant Jennalyd Babauta at jbabauta@mymarianas.com or 670.664.3210 to schedule a date. Private schools may also have a presentation upon request. ***(MTEC)***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■ The completion of terminal upgrades in Saipan, Rota, and Tinian to improve the reliability of fuel supply to our customers

"We have invested to upgrade our service stations over the last few years, and we are now improving our fuel formulation. This improved gasoline is an example of how Mobil continually innovates to better serve our customers and the community in Saipan," said Ewart. ***(Mobil)***

Wal-Mart pushes service for holiday; Target stresses value

TETERBORO, N.J. (AP)— Wal-Mart, long known for emphasizing low prices, wants to be known this holiday season for superior customer service. That comes after its main rival Target, which has a better image in that regard, stressed a focus on offering deals.

The world's largest retailer plans to deploy "holiday helpers" stationed at the checkouts, who can direct customers to registers with shorter lines or even run back to the aisles to pick up an item a customer forgot.

The ways in which Target and Wal-Mart are each trying to be more like the other underscore how traditional retailers have to raise their game in every aspect as shoppers who could easily shop online instead become more demanding about price, selection and service. Now, they have to be good at everything.

Wal-Mart has been working to improve service in its stores, but it's especially critical for the holiday season. It's adding additional staff to handle the pickup of online orders at the stores, and for the first time, it's designating a manager for that area for the holiday season. It also is dramatically adding more items that will be available for pickup. During the holiday season, Wal-Mart sees five times as many same-day pickup orders compared to a normal week. The goal: To make sure shoppers have an easy experience when they come to collect their orders.

The Bentonville, Arkansas-based retailer also plans to have 150,000 product demonstrations across its more than 4,600 U.S. stores, in departments from toys to food. That's up from last year. And Santas who used to remain stationary in one area of the store will roam around for more customer interaction. It expects about 23,000 appearances across its stores throughout the season.

"We want to serve the customer as they want to be served," Wal-Mart's Chief Operating Officer Judith McKenna, said at a store in Teterboro, New Jersey, on Wednesday.

Target, meanwhile, said Tuesday that about 60 percent of its marketing message this holiday season will be about value, up about 20 percent from last year. The Minneapolis-based retailer is repeating some of last year's promotions but also adding new ones aimed at getting shoppers to more areas of the store.

Heading into the holiday shopping season, Wal-Mart has the momentum.

The company raised its profit outlook in August after reporting its eighth consecutive quarterly increase in a key revenue measure. The company has been benefiting from changes like cleaning up its stores and being sharper on prices. Wal-Mart's move to raise wages and increase training for hourly workers has also helped improve service.

Target, though, had cut its profit forecast as customer traffic fell for the first time in a year and a half during the second quarter. Its key revenue measure also fell, reversing seven straight quarters of gains. It blamed several factors, such as focusing too much on marketing its stylish merchandise and not enough on bringing in customers looking for deals on basics. Both retailers are slated to report third-quarter results next month.

"Wal-Mart has been benefiting from better service, and for this holiday season it should be a boon," said Ken Perkins, president of research firm Retail Metrics LLC. "I expect Wal-Mart will outpace Target. Target has a big price hurdle."

Target's move to emphasize value actually comes as Wal-Mart itself has made prices a renewed focus.

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TO FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN THE CNMI ESPECIALLY THOSE IN ELECTION PRECINCT II

Dearest Everyone:

By now, I am sure that everyone has had the opportunity to analyze the aims and objectives of the candidates vying for seats to the House of Representatives of the CNMI Legislature this upcoming election in November.

Having the privilege of knowing Congressman Ralph Sablan Demapan AND Congressman John Paul Sablan (Pacho) personally and professionally, they have earned my great respect and admiration and I would like to share with you some Fundamental Principles and Ideals of what they believe in;

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- And, to stand firm and committed in making these ideals into positive and successful principles of our government.

Please RE-ELECT Congressman Ralph Sablan Demapan AND Congressman John Paul Sablan (Pacho) on November 8, 2016.

Respectfully;

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With all that we've achieved, there is still more work to be done!

On behalf of Congressman Joseph Lee Pan Tenorio Guerrero, his family and the Committee to Re-Elect, We would like to extend our sincerest Thank you, Si Yu'us Maase, Olomwaay and Salamat po to all our supporters, most especially the voters of Precinct #1 for allowing Congressman Joseph Lee Pan Tenorio Guerrero the privilege to represent you in the 19th CNMI Legislature, House of Representatives. We appreciate all your donations and generous amounts of support in our past and recent fundraiser events.

Since January 2015, Congressman Lee Pan has been working diligently with his colleagues in the Hall of Congress to improve the quality of life for our people. The many socioeconomic challenges like healthcare, tourism, education, crime, CW issues, and retirement to name a few, are great tasks that cannot be solved over night. Congressman Lee Pan has made sure to always do his best to be your voice by keeping the people and their concerns in mind at all times and has brought many fresh ideas and positive solutions to the table.

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Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEM's) from which CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's power supply requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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Nation

Trump: I'll run America like my business. Clinton: Let's not

WASHINGTON (AP)—His presidential dreams increasingly in question, Donald Trump pushed his business empire to the center of his political campaign Wednesday. Taking a break from battleground states, he made the case at his newest hotel that all Americans should look to his corporate record for evidence of how well he'd run the country.

"Under budget and ahead of schedule. So important. We don't hear those words so often, but you will," said Trump, linking the hotel redevelopment—just blocks from the White House—to his promised performance as president. "Today is a metaphor for what we can accomplish for this country."

Hillary Clinton agreed, but not the way he meant it. She used campaign events in Florida to attack the GOP nominee for having "stiffed American workers," saying he built his empire with Chinese-manufactured steel, overseas products and labor from immigrants in the country illegally.

"Donald Trump is the poster boy for everything wrong with our economy," she told several thousand supporters in Tampa, Florida. "He refuses to pay workers and contractors."

Trump's political aspirations have long been deeply intertwined with promoting his corporate goals. He announced his campaign in the gilded lobby of Trump Tower in Manhattan and has held dozens of campaign events at his own properties. His remarks at his new Washington hotel, which has struggled to fill rooms amid the controversy surrounding his presidential bid, followed a visit Tuesday to his Doral golf course outside Miami.

Though the GOP nominee focused his remarks on his political message, the event was heavy with marketing, too. Standing under glittering chandeliers, top company executives, including his daughter, touted the hotel. And after his brief speech, Trump and his family headed to the hotel's grand lobby where they cut a wide red ribbon with golden scissors before he flew to North Carolina for what his campaign billed as an urban policy speech.

In Charlotte, Trump unveiled what he billed a "New Deal for black America" in front of a mostly white crowd. Trump, who has struggled to earn the support of minority voters, bemoaned that "too many African-Americans have been left behind" and unveiled a handful of new proposals aimed at revitalizing impoverished urban areas.

They included new tax incentives for inner cities, new micro-loans for African-Americans to start companies and hire workers and a plan to reinvest money from suspended refugee programs in inner cities.

He also wants cities to be able to seek federal disaster designations to help them rebuild infrastructure, demolish abandoned buildings and invest in law enforcement.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-001

Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: October 14, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is hereby notifying prospective Offerors of the following amendments to CUC-RFP-17-001:

➢ **EXTENSION OF PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

The Pre-proposal conference schedule date has been extended from October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to ***October 31, 2016*** *at 10:00 AM (ChST).*

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

➢ **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION:**

The deadline for submission of questions or requests for clarification has been extended from October 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to ***November 3, 2016*** *at 10:00 AM (ChST).*

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 3, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

➢ **DEADLINE FOR BID SUBMISSION:**

The deadline for bid submission has been extended from November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to ***November 30, 2016*** *at 10:00 AM (ChST).*

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 30, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All other terms and conditions in the Specification/Scope of Work, shall remain unchanged and in full force.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-002

CONSULTANCY SERVICES, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SIX ENGINE SYSTEMS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the oversight and management of Supply and Installation of Six (6) Engine Systems, 8-10 MW/Each, at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy and construction management requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-002 – Consultancy Services, Supply and Installation of Six Engine Systems"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

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All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business

license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Oregon surfer punched shark in gills to survive

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Joseph Tanner was resting his arms on his surf board, his lower body dangling in the water, when something grabbed his right leg and yanked him under the waves. In an instant, Tanner knew he was being attacked by a shark in the chilly waters off the northern Oregon coast and he wondered if he would die, he recalled Wednesday, nearly three weeks after the Oct. 10 attack north of Cannon Beach. The shark had his leg in its jaw—a bite that would later measure 26 inches from his upper thigh to his ankle—and as Tanner struggled to break free, he remembered that he should try to punch the shark in the nose or poke it in the eye. "I opened my eyes and there were gills in front of me. I can't reach the nose and I can't reach the eyeballs, so I just started hitting the gills," said the 29-year-old. The shark released him and he screamed a warning to his friends who were surfing about 40 feet away, then began paddling to shore on his board. He was terrified the shark was following him, tracking him by the blood streaming from his mangled leg. Friends later told him he paddled about 200 yards—a five-minute ordeal—before catching a wave and riding it in for the last 40 yards, he said.

Ohio judge: Jury can hear about pot in slain man's car

CINCINNATI (AP)—The defense for a white former police officer charged with murder can tell jurors about marijuana found in the car driven by the unarmed black man he fatally shot after a traffic stop, an Ohio judge ruled Wednesday. Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Megan Shanahan, however, rejected defense efforts to also introduce records of 43-year-old Sam DuBose's long conviction history or about his health. She also said toxicology results indicating marijuana use weren't relevant because there was no way to know when he had last used marijuana. Former University of Cincinnati officer Ray Tensing, 26, is charged with murder and voluntary manslaughter in the 2015 shooting of DuBose, who was pulled over near campus for a missing front license plate. Tensing's attorney Stewart Mathews has said his client feared for his life as DuBose tried to drive away.

Search continues for man wanted in Oklahoma 'rage killings'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The search for an Oklahoma man wanted in a cross-state string of killings, shootings and carjackings is entering its fourth day, and authorities say they have no idea where the suspect may be. Michael Dale Vance Jr. is wanted on multiple charges, including two counts of first-degree murder for the near-decapitations of two relatives in the town of Luther that Oklahoma County Sheriff John Whetsel described as "rage killings." The 38-year-old Vance was last seen early Monday about 30 miles from the Texas border in western Oklahoma. Whetsel says by now, Vance could be anywhere from California to Florida. Whetsel says it's also possible that Vance has died if he hasn't received medical treatment for a gunshot wound he suffered during a shootout with police in Wellston on Sunday.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-004

Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power Plants 1 and 4

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced contractors, including their local authorized representatives for the Supply, Installation & Commissioning of one (1) each 750 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base and one (1) each 200 kW Diesel Generating Set at CUC Power Plant No. 4, Puerto Rico, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the Diesel Generating Sets and work within the specified time frame.

CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's station service power supply requirements at Power Plant No. 1 and 4.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 and 4 facilities will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal, though it is not a mandatory requirement.

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID.

One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-004 – Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power plants 1 and 4"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2016.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-RFP-17-006

MAUI SHAFT WELLS REHABILITATION PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to develop the method and perform the construction work to remove the cave in soil material in the Maui 4 Shaft Well tunnel and rehabilitate the existing buildings, platforms, shaft, electrical components, elevator system and all other items listed in the scope of work for the Maui 1 and 4 shaft wells. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is **375 calendar days** from date of award.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **November 8, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Maui Shaft Wells facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-006 –Maui Shaft Wells Rehabilitation Project"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-17-004

Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Station Service Generator Sets at Power Plants 1 and 4

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: October 24, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is hereby issuing the following amendment to CUC-RFP-17-004:

- **WAIVER OF RFP PACKAGE FEE:**

  The $200.00 fee payment requirement to obtain an RFP Package has been waived. *Registered Prospective Offerors that registered before October 24, 2016 will receive a full reimbursement by CUC. Please contact Marcela Tenorio via e-mail address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org for assistance in obtaining a reimbursement.*

/s/ GARY P. CAMACHO
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-17-008

BULK CHLORINE STORAGE FACILITY

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of a facility for the bulk storage of the CUC's chlorine supply in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of a building and site improvements to adequately store and secure chlorine gas cylinders, including all appurtenances and features necessary to comply with applicable standards, regulations and codes. The storage facility includes a chlorine storage area, an operator area to store personal protective equipment and an electrical/mechanical room, emergency showers, eye washing stations, chlorine gas scrubber equipment, ventilation system, fire protection, alarm systems and emergency power.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **270 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Justen Landan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-17-008, Bulk Chlorine Storage Facility Project"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 21, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. *Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

All responses to this Invitation for should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 7, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address john.riegel@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
As of October 28, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Tai Su International Dev., Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Ocean View Resort Complex	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
2. Stanley T. Torres	09/14/2016 SWm-2016-X-077	Land clearing and Subsistence Farming	Santa Lourdes, As Teo	Wetland	Approved, 10/13/2016
3. Rota Department of Public Works	09/28/2016 RMS-2016-X-086	Coral Quarry Pit (Mining & Operations)	Igua, Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*
4. Robert Bracken	10/6/2016 SPI-2017-X-01	Three storey commercial/ residential bldg.	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 10/20/2016
5. Docomo Pacific	09/26/2016 S/T/RMS-2016-X-083	Fiber Optic Cable Installation	Saipan, Tinian, & Rota	Major Siting	Certified Complete 10/12/2016
6. Imperial Pacific Intl. (CNMI) LLC	04/15/2016 SMS-2015-X-029 Amendment 2016-1	Additional 119 Rooms	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved, 10/19/2016
7. Department of Public Works	9/29/2016 SMS-2016-X-088	Route 33, Beach Road Improvement Project	Beach Road, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
8. Joeten Motors Company	09/29/2016 SS-2016-X-089	New Auto Showroom	San Jose, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved, 10/20/2016
9. Pacific Island Club	10/11/2016 SMS-90-X-93 Amendment 2017-1	Galley Restaurant & Kitchen Renovation & Extension	San Antonio, Saipan	Major Siting	Approved, 10/20/2016
10. D'Alma Incorporated dba. Scuba Center Diveman	10/14/2016 SLRm-2017-X-002	Scuba Dive Tour Operation	All Dive Sites	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 10/25/2016
11. Cai Lingli dba. Proper Grand	10/14/2016 SMS-2017-X-003	Chalan Laulau Dormitories	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
12. Micronesia Resort Dormitory Dba. Kensington Hotel	10/14/2016 SMS-85-X-25 Amendment 2017-1	Well drilling	San Roque, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review
13. Docomo Pacific	10/19/2016 TS-2017-X-004	Fiber Optic Cable System (Inland)	Tinian	Shoreline	Approved, 10/25/2016
14. Shizuoka Prefecture Assembly	10/20/2016 SSCH-2017-X-005	Shizuoka Prefecture Memorial	Marpi, Saipan	Shoreline, Coastal Hazard	Approved, 10/25/2016
15. CNMI Government - Parks & Recreation	10/24/2016 SSm-2017-X-006	To install & connect underground electrical outlets for Pavilions 1, 2, & 3	San Antonio	Shoreline	Approved, 10/25/2016
16. Commonwealth Port Authority	10/25/2016 RLRm-2017-X-007	To place instruments on the harbor bottom to collect wave and current data	Songsong, Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Asia

Japan, US, S. Korea agree to step up pressure on N. Korea

TOKYO (AP)—Senior officials from Japan, the United States and South Korea agreed Thursday to step up pressure on North Korea as they stick to their goal of persuading the communist state to abandon its nuclear weapons.

Their pledge comes just two days after U.S. National Intelligence Director James Clapper publicly called that goal a "lost cause." He said the best hope is capping its capability instead.

The deputy foreign ministers who held talks in Tokyo made clear that North Korea now poses a new level of threat and requires broader international pressure and tougher sanctions.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken, after meeting with his Japanese and South Korean counterparts, said their policy has not changed.

"We will not accept North Korea as nuclear state, we will not accept North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons, period," Blinken said. "We are focused on increasing the pressure on North Korea with one purpose: to bring it back to the table to negotiate in good faith. Denuclearization. That is the objective."

Getting North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program has long been a headache in multilateral diplomacy with Pyongyang.

Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Shinsuke Sugiyama, who hosted Thursday's talks, cited North Korea's recent tests showing the country's missile and nuclear capability had entered a new level of threat. "We need to respond differently than in the past," he said.

But officials did not elaborate on details of their approaches other than fresh sanctions pending at the United Nations and possible separate additional measures by the three countries.

Meanwhile, South Korea said Thursday it plans to restart talks with Japan on a military intelligence sharing agreement to better cope with threats from North Korea.

Information from Japan's network of satellites and other intelligence-gathering systems would be critical in monitoring and preparing against North Korea's fast developing nuclear weapons and missile programs, said an official from Seoul's Defense Ministry, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was citing office rules.

The United States, South Korea and Japan signed a joint intelligence-sharing pact in 2014, but under the frame work Seoul and Tokyo only share intelligence about North Korea's nuclear and missile programs via Washington. A bilateral agreement between South Korea and Japan would enable a quicker transfer of information between the countries in urgent situations.

PH leader affirms US alliance despite tough talk

TOKYO (AP)—The leaders of Japan and the Philippines agreed to cooperate in promoting regional peace and stability and acknowledged the importance of their alliances with the U.S., after the tough-talking Rodrigo Duterte said he wants his country to be free of foreign troops and criticized American foreign policy.

In a news conference, Duterte, after his first round of talks with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Wednesday, said he expected Japan to continue being an important part of maritime security in the region, including the South China Sea, where Manila and Beijing have overlapping claims.

In a statement, the two sides acknowledged the importance of "their network of friendship and alliances," particularly one between them. Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Hagiuda told reporters that their alliances with the U.S. were recognized, though not in writing.

Duterete, in his second round of talks only among close aides, reassured Abe that he has no intention to sever diplomatic ties with the U.S., Hagiuda said.

Since Duterte took office in June, Manila's relationship with Washington has quickly become strained.

Japan is a staunch U.S. ally and hosts 50,000 American troops, while Duterte has repeatedly spoken of distancing his country from Washington, often in crude terms.

The presence of U.S. troops in five Philippine military camps was established under a security deal signed under Duterte's predecessor as a counter to China's growing military assertiveness in the region.

Earlier Wednesday, Duterte said that he wants his country to be free of foreign troops, possibly within two years. "I want them out," he said.

"I want to be friends to China," he told an audience of businesspeople in Tokyo. "I do not need the arms. I do not want missiles established in my country. I do not need to have the airports to host the bombers."

As president, Duterte has reached out to Beijing while criticizing U.S. foreign policy. His approach has caused consternation in both the U.S. and Japan.

Still, Abe welcomed Duterte's recent efforts to improve ties with China.

"The South China Sea issue is directly linked to the region's peace and stability and a matter of interest for the entire international society," he said. "In that regard, Japan welcomes the effort of President Duterte visiting China and endeavoring to improve the Philippine-China relations."

World

Large anti-Maduro protests fill the streets in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Anti-government protesters filled the streets of Venezuela's capital and other major cities in a show of force against Presidential Nicolas Maduro, whose allies enraged the opposition by blocking a recall referendum against the socialist leader.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators shut down Caracas' main highway on Wednesday, many chanting "Democracy yes! Dictatorship no!" And police clashed with protesters in other cities in what opposition leaders called "the takeover of Venezuela."

Nationwide at least 140 people were detained by police, according to the Foro Penal human rights group. A police officer was shot and killed, and two others injured, under unclear circumstances in central Miranda state.

"Maduro has shown how scared he is that the people will express themselves," opposition leader Henrique Capriles said.

The protests come after electoral authorities blocked a recall campaign against Maduro last week. The faceoff escalated on Tuesday when the opposition-led legislature voted to put Maduro on trial, accusing him of effectively staging a coup.

Opposition legislators argued that Venezuela's leader has effectively abandoned the presidency by neglecting his job. And many Venezuelans blame him for the country's triple-digit inflation, free-falling economy and shortages of food, medicines and other basic goods.

Government supporters staged a much smaller rally attended by Maduro downtown.

Opposition leaders ended Wednesday's national day of protest with call for a general strike on Friday. They also threatened to march on the presidential palace in the heart of the city on Nov. 3 if the government doesn't reverse its decision to block the recall effort.

The opposition has not been allowed to protest in front of the presidential palace since a massive march there helped precipitate a short-lived coup against former President Hugo Chavez in 2002.

On Wednesday, police fired tear gas and clashes with police in provincial capitals that left several wounded. In the border state of Tachira, the windows of the heavily-guarded regional electoral office were broken and anti-government slogans spray-painted on the entrance. In a video widely circulating on social media, a young man shouted in the face of soldier in riot gear maintaining a line against a crowd of masked protester.

Patients left in limbo as more doctors flee Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Wanda Serrano arrived at Puerto Rico's largest public hospital before dawn to take her 17-year-old son to an appointment. Six hours later, they were still in the packed waiting room hoping to see a doctor.

They had gone to San Juan's Centro Medico to see one of the many kinds of specialists the teen needs for treatment of a genetic disease called tuberous sclerosis, which can cause tumors to grow on his brain, kidneys and other organs. But specialized medical expertise is increasingly difficult to find in the economically troubled U.S. island territory.

Six hours in a waiting room is no longer the exception, but the norm. A pediatric neurologist recently told Serrano that her son, Cedrik, needed to wait 10 months for an appointment.

"I live terrified every single day," Serrano said one recent morning as she clutched his medical records and peered anxiously down a fluorescent-lit hallway for a nurse or doctor. "You feel powerless. You can't do anything except wait for that date to arrive."

Doctors have gradually left Puerto Rico during a decade-long recession that has gripped the island and driven more than 200,000 people to the U.S. mainland seeking better opportunities.

Now, the steady departure of pediatricians, surgeons, orthopedists, neurologists and others has become a stampede as the economy shows no sign of improving and financial problems in the territorial health insurance program make it nearly impossible for doctors to stay in business.

Up to 700 doctors are expected to leave Puerto Rico this year, double the number from two years ago, said Dr. Victor Ramos, president of the island's Association of Surgeons. The territory's number of doctors has dropped from 14,000 to 9,000 in the past decade, the majority leaving for higher salaries and lower living costs on the U.S. mainland.

2 quakes rattle Italy, crumbling buildings and causing panic

ROME (AP)—A pair of strong aftershocks shook central Italy late Wednesday, crumbling churches and buildings, knocking out power and sending panicked residents into the rain-drenched streets just two months after a powerful earthquake killed nearly 300 people.

But hours after the temblors hit, there were no reports of serious injuries or signs of people trapped in rubble, said the head of Italy's civil protection agency, Fabrizio Curcio. A handful of people were treated for slight injuries or anxiety at area hospitals in the most affected regions of Umbria and Le Marche, he said. A 73-year-old man died of a heart attack, possibly brought on by the quakes, local authorities told the ANSA news agency.

"All told, the information so far is that it's not as catastrophic" as it could have been, Curcio said.

The temblors were actually aftershocks to the Aug. 24 quake that struck a broad swath of central Italy, demolishing buildings in three towns and their hamlets, seismologists said. Several towns this time around also suffered serious damage, with homes in the epicenter of Visso spilling out into the street.

The first struck at 7:10 p.m. and carried a magnitude of 5.4. But the second one was eight times stronger at 6.1, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Because many residents had already left their homes with plans to spend the night in their cars or elsewhere, they weren't home when the second aftershock hit two hours later, possibly saving lives, officials said. "It was an unheard-of violence. Many houses collapsed," the mayor of hard-hit Ussita, Marco Rinaldi, told Sky TG24. "The facade of the church collapsed. By now I have felt many earthquakes. This is the strongest of my life. It was something terrible."

Rinaldi said two elderly people were rescued from their home, where they were trapped, and appeared to be in good condition. Some 200 people in Ussita were planning to sleep in the streets, given the impossibility of putting up tents so late at night.

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EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO.: OPA-16-002
OPENING DATE: 10/19/16
CLOSING DATE: 11/03/16

This examination is for the purpose of developing an Open Competitive and Promotional Eligible list. It is the policy of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that the personnel system shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin.

POSITION AND SALARY:
Information Technology Manager/Office Manager (1 position) **PL-UNGRADED**
$40,000 to $50,000 P/A

The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the applicant and limited to the amount currently appropriated for the position.

LOCATION:
Office of the Public Auditor (OPA), Saipan

DUTIES:
This position reports to the Public Auditor.

Manage and maintain OPA's computer network and systems. Ensure the security of all technological networks and systems. Ensure networks and systems are accessible and equipped with current hardware and software. Advise management on matters pertaining to information technology management, upgrades, technological issues, technological policies and procedures. Assist staff with technological issues as they arise. Provide hardware and software training and support as needed.

Plan, organize, direct, and control the OPA's financial and administrative operations. Maintain financial records. Prepare financial reports and budgets. Manage OPA's grants. Maintain all necessary grant records. Prepare required grant reports. Prepare grant proposals as necessary. Provide administrative support to all OPA sections.

Performs other related duties as assigned by the Public Auditor.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:
Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree. Copy of degree/official transcript and police clearance must be attached to the application. A complete resume attached to the application is also preferred.

An employee in this class should (1) have a strong technical background; (2) have 10 years' experience managing an information technology operation; (3) have experience in providing hands-on technical support and training; (4) have good oral and written communication skills; (5) have the ability to use standard business software programs to prepare reports, memos, summaries, and analyses; (6) have an understanding of government operations; (7) be a team-player and self-motivated; and (7) be detail orientated, organized, and security conscious.

CONDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:
This position is **"EXEMPT"**; is not eligible to receive overtime payment for overtime hours performed pursuant to NMIAC § 10-20.2-340 (a) of the Personnel Service Rules and Regulations (Part IV.B16), NMIAC § 120-10-115 (d) of the Excepted Service Personnel Regulations, (Part 1.7C), NMIAC § 130-20-210 (d) of the OPA Personnel Regulations, and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Also, pursuant to 1 CMC §2305, OPA employees may not actively engage in any other business, profession, or governmental office.

NOTE: **Education and training claimed under item 19(A) through (H) of the Application for Employment must be substantiated by an official school transcript, diploma, or certificate. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD SEND THEIR CURRENT APPLICATION FORMS TO:

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The CNMI government Application for Employment form may be available for download at www.opacnmi.com. It is also available at the Office of the Public Auditor.

WANTED

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The **Saipan Tribune** is looking for a full-time sports reporter.

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- Can work fast within deadlines and in a stressful environment;
- Must be able to work on holidays, weekends, late nights, and on short notice;
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- Computer literate;
- With photography skills;
- Must have reliable means of transportation.

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Stolen base at World Series means free tacos at Taco Bell

CLEVELAND (AP)—A stolen base in the World Series means free tacos for everyone next week at Taco Bell. Cleveland Indians shortstop Francisco Lindor stole second in the bottom of the first inning in Tuesday night's Game 1 of the Fall Classic, a 6-0 Indians win over the Chicago Cubs. The fast food chain has named Lindor its "Taco Hero" because the swipe has kicked in Taco Bell's "Steal a Base, Steal a Taco" promotion. Under the deal, participating Taco Bell locations will hand out a free Doritos Locos Taco to fans on Nov. 2 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. local time. This is the fifth time Taco Bell has run the promotion since 2007.

In a tense campaign season, Texas ad takes humorous approach

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—The wife of a Texas county commissioner is pleading in an online campaign video for voters to re-elect her husband so he'll get out of the house and relieve her of his nonstop prattling about county issues. The tongue-in-cheek ad posted to YouTube shows Charlyn Daugherty rolling her eyes at the camera and seeking relief from Gerald Daugherty as he talks of tax rates, light rail and other issues while doing household chores. A couple invited over for a cookout appears exasperated with his breathless chatter about policy matters in the county that includes Austin. Charlyn Daugherty says her Republican husband doesn't have any hobbies and just wants to "fix things." She implores voters to, "Please re-elect Gerald," and the ad concludes as she plaintively turns to the camera. "Please!"

Hairstylist uses pepper spray on unhappy client, police say

BLOOMFIELD, N.J. (AP)—Authorities say a New Jersey hairstylist used pepper spray on a client who was unhappy with her haircut. Bloomfield police say 35-year-old Maryam Simpson advertised her services online and was working in the client's apartment on Oct. 13 when the two women began arguing. Police say Simpson sprayed the woman in the face and ran out of the apartment. The client was treated for minor injuries. Bloomfield police tracked down Simpson and arrested her Monday. The Belleville resident has been charged with aggravated assault and a weapons offense. A telephone number couldn't be located Wednesday for Simpson, who uses the name Freddy to advertise her services online. It wasn't known if she has retained an attorney.

Document: Dog tuxedo bought with Arkansas county credit card

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP)—A former county employee in Arkansas has been arrested after prosecutors accused her of using a county credit card to buy personal items including Arkansas Razorbacks tickets and a tuxedo for her dog. The Sentinel-Record newspaper reports that Kristi Goss was arrested Tuesday on six counts of fraudulent use of a credit card. Goss had worked as administrative assistant for the Garland County judge's office. According to an affidavit, investigators and auditors flagged about $200,000 in purchases made on the county's credit card, including a diamond bracelet, Razorbacks tickets, pet insurance and the dog tuxedo, which was ordered from Amazon. Court records do not list an attorney for Goss. Prosecutors have filed a request for a gag order preventing any comment on the case.

Cleveland Indians get boost from newborn babies in onesies

CLEVELAND (AP)—Newborn babies at an Ohio hospital have joined the ranks of Cleveland Indians fans. The Cleveland Clinic says at least five babies born Tuesday at its Fairview Hospital were dressed in World Series onesies. It says babies born throughout the World Series at several of its hospitals will be dressed in the outfits to help cheer on the Indians' quest for a championship as they take on the Chicago Cubs. The first game of the series was won by Cleveland 6-0 on Tuesday night. The clinic says babies at its Hillcrest, Main Campus SDU, Medina and Cleveland Clinic Akron General hospitals also are receiving the onesies. The outfits feature a baseball design accompanied by the words "World Series Baby" and the hashtag #RallyTogether. The Cubs haven't won the World Series since 1908, the Indians since 1948.

Bottled message sent out to sea is found 5 decades later

HAMPTON, N.H. (AP)—A bottled message sent out to sea by a New Hampshire man more than five decades ago has been returned to his daughter. WMUR-TV reports the message was discovered by Clint Buffington of Utah while he was vacationing in the Turks and Caicos. Buffington says he found a Coke bottle half-buried in the sand. The note inside the bottle said, "Return to 419 Ocean Blvd. and receive a reward of $150 from Tina, owner of the Beachcomber." The Beachcomber was a Hampton motel owned by the now-deceased parents of Paula Pierce in 1960. Pierce's father had written the note as a joke and cast it into the Atlantic Ocean. Buffington flew to New Hampshire to deliver the message to Pierce. She made good on the promised reward.

Beer run! Self-driving truck goes 120-plus miles on delivery

DENVER (AP)—Anheuser-Busch says it has completed the world's first commercial shipment by self-driving truck, sending a beer-filled tractor-trailer on a journey of more than 120 miles through Colorado. The company says it teamed with self-driving truck maker Otto and the state of Colorado for the feat. The trailer, loaded with Budweiser beer, began the self-driving trip Thursday at a weigh station in Fort Collins, Colorado, and ran along Interstate 25 through Denver before wrapping up in Colorado Springs. The company says a professional truck driver was on board for the entire route and monitored the trip from the cab's sleeper berth. Anheuser-Busch says it hopes to see self-driving technology widely deployed. Otto was recently acquired by Uber.

Artist mows giant Trump portrait in Italian cornfield

MILAN (AP)—An Italian land artist has used his tractor to transform a field near the Italian city of Verona into a giant portrait of U.S. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. Artist Dario Gambarin created a similar portrait of Democrat Hillary Clinton in September. Gambarin created the Trump portrait on a 25,000-square-meter field, writing "Ciao," beneath Trump's left shoulder, signifying recent polls that show Clinton ahead. Still, Gambarin was quoted by the Verona daily L'Arena as saying "anything can happen. And in case of defeat, the Republican Trump can in any case console himself with my huge portrait." Gambarin often chooses topical figures for his tractor art, which he creates freestyle in his cornfield without a pattern. Previous subjects have included Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama and Pope Francis.

Science & Technology

Windows 10 to bring 3-D to 2-D experiences

Panos Panay, corporate vice president for Surface Computing at Microsoft Corp., displays the Surface Book during the company's media event in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Microsoft wants to bring life to common computing experiences by adding a third dimension to widely used software such as Windows and Office.

The new tools, part of a free "Creators Update" to Windows 10 early next year, promise to make it easy for people to create and share photos, drawings and other images in 3-D.

Microsoft also announced a high-end desktop called Surface Studio. Costing about $3,000, the Studio will be targeted at creators such as architects, artists and engineers, many of whom have long used Apple's Mac computers. The Studio's 28-inch display is on a flexible hinge, so users can view it straight on, or tilt it to as low as 20 degrees for drafting. Wednesday's announcements in New York come a day before Apple is expected to refresh its Mac lineup.

Satya Nadella, Microsoft's CEO, said innovations over the past decade have been focused on "helping us consume more information and media in different formats." He said the next decade will be defined by technology that empowers people to create.

Jan Dawson, an analyst with Jackdaw Research, said Microsoft has been pushing business products and services lately. Dawson said the company "has needed a rallying point for a set of efforts around consumer use cases, and it appears to have decided on creativity as the catchphrase for this push."

Dawson said that Microsoft seems to be challenging not just Apple's success with professional creators, but wants to embrace a broader base of consumers, too.

While the Studio will likely be a niche product, the Windows update will have broader reach.

With the 3-D tools, for instance, instead of taking a regular photo of a sand castle in two dimensions a beach-goer will be able to scan all sides of the castle with a phone. Microsoft's tools will convert that into 3-D; viewers can rotate the virtual sand castle on the screen with their fingers.

TECH Q&A

New ways to view or email your photos

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: Is there a program for organizing pictures that's similar to what iTunes does with music?

I'm looking for a way to scan photos once and organize them into "playlists." I'd like for a single digital copy of a photo to be able to appear in multiple playlists, and to be able to add a photo to each playlist using drag and drop. And I'd like to be able to burn a playlist to a disk.

A: Most of what you'd like is available. Photo organizing software will allow you to create something resembling playlists.

Good photo organizing programs allow you to tag photos with characteristics that make them searchable within the photo program. Typical tags let you identify a photo by a key word, the location or date it was taken, a person in the picture or a subjective "rating" the photo is given.

The photo program then allows you to create "search filters" that automatically retrieve some pictures and not others—for example, all photos of a particular person in San Francisco, or all of your favorite skiing photos from last year. These filtered searches are the rough equivalent of a playlist. And, yes, the same single digital copy of a photo could appear in more than one playlist, depending on how it was tagged.

But photo programs may not allow these picture "playlists" to be burned to a disk the way iTunes burns a songs playlist. And you'd have to add a photo to a playlist by giving it another tag, not by drag and drop.

For a list of photo organizing programs that you can buy, see tinyurl.com/jmvssxr. The programs are rated on their ability to categorize, edit and manage pictures, and the ease with which they can post directly to social media websites.

For free programs that are somewhat less capable, see tinyurl.com/o6lxnc3.

Q: I use PenTeleData's email service on my Windows 10 PC, but I can't seem to send pictures in the body of an email. Neither PenTeleData nor Microsoft can help me. What's wrong?

A: What you're describing is called "embedding" a photo in an email, which many people prefer to attaching a photo. While you can embed photos in most PenTeleData emails, you'll need to use an "insert" command instead of the older methods of copying-and-pasting or dragging-and-dropping photos into the body of the text.

If you're using PenTeleData's webmail service (read through a Web browser), the program limits you to sending photos only as attachments.

But if you're using the firm's PC-based email programs, Microsoft Outlook 2007 or the Windows 10 Mail App, you can use an insert command.

In the Windows 10 Mail App, click on where you want the picture to appear in the email, click "insert" at the top of the email and click "pictures" from the menu below it. You can then double-click any photo stored on your PC and it will be copied to the body of the email.

In Outlook 2007, click the spot in the email where you want to insert the photo, then click on the "Insert" tab. In the "Illustrations" menu, click "Picture." Then double-click any photo stored on your PC and it will show up in the email.

Life & Style

Police investigate destruction of Trump's Hollywood star

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police are investigating a pre-dawn attack that destroyed Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame less than two weeks before the election.

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, which bestows the stars and maintains the popular tourist attraction, said it would quickly repair Trump's spot, but it would take several days before it would visible.

Det. Meghan Aguilar said investigators were called to the scene Wednesday following reports that the presidential candidate's star was struck by blows from a hammer. A sledgehammer, construction hat and vest, and a pick were recovered nearby, Officer Sal Ramirez said.

AP

Pedestrians walk past a cordoned off area surrounding the vandalized star for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Wednesday, Oct. 26,2016, in Los Angeles.

A man who identified himself as Jamie Otis said he's responsible for the damage, telling the website Deadline Hollywood (http://bit.ly/2dK4kON) that he originally intended to remove Trump's star. He says he wanted to auction it off to raise funds for the 11 women accusing the presidential candidate of groping them.

Trump has denied the groping allegations.

Aguilar said she was aware of the Deadline report but couldn't comment on whether Otis is a suspect.

Trump's star was dedicated in 2007 in recognition of his work on NBC's reality TV show "The Apprentice." Trump's star is near the Dolby Theatre, where the Academy Awards are held each year.

To receive a star on the Walk of Fame, a celebrity has to be nominated and a $30,000 fee paid to a charitable trust.

It is at least the second time this year that Trump's star has been targeted. In July, an artist installed a miniature wall topped with razor wire and "keep out" signs in response to Trump's vow to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border to stem illegal immigration and drug smuggling.

Actress Amber Tamblyn announces she's expecting a baby girl

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actress Amber Tamblyn says she is expecting a baby girl.

The 33-year-old actress writes in an essay for Glamour magazine that she is "going to be a mother soon. I'm pregnant, with a daughter on the way."

Tamblyn has been married to actor-writer David Cross since 2012. This will be the first child for both.

Tamblyn's essay about sexual harassment, motherhood and the possibility of a female president was published online Wednesday. In it, she writes that we live in "a world build by and for men" and that she hopes her future daughter won't have to deal with the kind of marginalization and sexual harassment past generations of women have faced.

Her announcement comes two weeks after Tamblyn wrote on Instagram that she was assaulted by an ex-boyfriend who grabbed her by the crotch and carried her out of a nightclub. Tamblyn wrote the post in response to remarks by Donald Trump made in 2005 in which he bragged about groping and kissing women.

Kenny Chesney to receive Pinnacle Award at 50th CMA Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Kenny Chesney will receive the Pinnacle Award during the 50th annual Country Music Association Awards, joining Garth Brooks and Taylor Swift as the only recipients.

The award, created in 2005, recognizes an artist who has achieved global prominence through performances and record sales and the highest degree of recognition. Over his career, Chesney has eight CMA awards, including four entertainer of the year awards. His new album, "Cosmic Hallelujah," comes out Friday and features a hit duet "Setting the World on Fire" with Pink.

Chesney has 28 No. 1 country songs and has sold in excess of 30 million albums. He is considered one of music's top touring artists.

The CMA Awards will air live from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville on Nov. 2 on ABC.

Small World animatronic doll part of new Disney auction

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An animatronic doll from Disneyland's It's a Small World ride and an original "stretching portrait" from the park's Haunted Mansion attraction are hitting the auction block.

Van Eaton Galleries announced Wednesday that the items will be among myriad pieces of Disney memorabilia available at the "Souvenirs of Disneyland" auction next month. Other lots include an animatronic sparrow from the Enchanted Tiki Room and original concept art for the Pirates of the Caribbean ride.

Judge rejects claim to Prince estate from woman and girl

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A Minnesota judge ruled Wednesday that a woman and girl who claim to be Prince's niece and grandniece will not be considered heirs to the late music superstar's estate.

Carver County Judge Kevin Eide ruled that Brianna Nelson and her niece, Victoria Nelson, are excluded as Prince's heirs as a matter of law.

The decision means the pair won't share in an estate that some experts projected could be worth up to $300 million in the wake of Prince's death April 21 of a fentanyl overdose.

Brianna and Victoria Nelson claimed descent from the late Duane Nelson Sr., who they say was a half brother to Prince. Court documents indicate Prince's father was not Duane's biological father.

The Nelsons argued Minnesota law allowed for a claim because Prince's father, John L. Nelson, long treated Duane Nelson as his son.

They cited a 2003 case in which the Minnesota Supreme Court agreed with a claim involving a longstanding father-son relationship in which the older man had pleaded guilty in 1959 to the crime of "illegitimacy" in the younger man's birth, then treated the younger man as a son for many years.

Eide rejected that argument. He said that the earlier case implied a genetic relationship. He also said revisions to Minnesota probate law since the 2003 decision now require that parent-child relationships may be established only by genetics, adoption, assisted reproduction or a presumed relationship that was legally established before death.

Man's house isn't big enough for wife's many grandchildren

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my wife for 16 years. She has a grown daughter who's the mother of eight kids, but she only has five with her at this time.

My problem is, the daughter got evicted, and all of a sudden she brought her belongings to the house. She didn't ask or anything, she just showed up with the five kids and they are driving me up the wall. I already have two adolescent kids, so seven ain't heaven.

I have tried to talk with my wife, but she doesn't listen. I'm fed up, Abby, and I'm looking for other accommodations. They have been here for two weeks and—by the way—my sons are now in school while her five are running wild in the house. Am I wrong for leaving?

NEEDS MY OWN SPACE

DEAR NEEDS: Not in my book. Your mistake was in letting your wife's daughter's eviction become your problem. I don't know whose name is on the lease or title to your place, but it's time to discuss this with an attorney. If you don't, you may have more trouble getting the woman and her brood out of there in the future.

DEAR ABBY: My friend whom I have known since we were 8-year-olds (we're now in our 50s) is driving me bonkers. She has started drinking a lot and hanging out with younger people and dating younger guys. I have loaned her quite a bit of money because she can barely get by. I don't drink, and I hate seeing what she's doing to herself. I think she is having trouble with the aging process.

She has now started to embarrass me when she drinks in public. She doesn't handle it well and relies on me to get her out of sticky situations. I'm really tired of all this. I have told her how I feel, but she knows I'll come to her rescue.

TIRED GUARDIAN ANGEL

DEAR TIRED: Draw the line. Tell her you are her friend, but not her chaperone, and you will socialize with her only if she limits her intake to nonalcoholic beverages. One of the signs of alcoholism is when the drinking interferes with the drinker's relationships -- and clearly, this is what's happening. Do not allow her to continue making her drinking your problem because you cannot control it. Only she can do that.

DEAR ABBY: At holiday time, my husband's family takes a photo of all the brothers and sisters and insists that the spouses not be included in the photo. The first time it happened, I thought it was rude, but after 40 years, I have gotten used to it. However, my daughter-in-law, who is new to the family, was hurt by it. Am I wrong in thinking this is rude?

IN OR OUT OF THE PICTURE

DEAR IN OR OUT: I don't think you're wrong. When people are excluded, they don't feel accepted as part of the family—and they're right. Are more photos taken that include all family members including husbands, wives and children? And if not, why would the spouses tolerate it for 40 years without speaking up?

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DEAR ABBY

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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DRESS UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?
I DON'T KNOW YET. I CAN'T DECIDE.
WELL, THE IDEA IS TO BE THE SCARIEST THING YOU CAN THINK OF.
HMM...MAYBE I'LL JUST GO AS MYSELF!
I'M GOING AS A BARREL OF TOXIC WASTE!

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ADAM?
YAHH!!
SORRY. IT'S CLAYTON.
HE'S GOT ME ALL JUMPY AND GAAAHH!
IT'S JUST GUMBO, ADAM.
WE CAN'T BE SURE!! THAT KID MAKES A MEAN COSTUME!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I WONDER HOW MY PUMPKIN PAL GORDY IS DOING.
HE'S PROBABLY LONELY OUT THERE ON THE FRONT PORCH. I SHOULD GO KEEP HIM COMPANY.
AUGGH!
WHAT?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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6 Flow out
9 Leg, in slang
12 Emulate Tara Lipinski
13 Spy org.
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15 Segments
16 Rodeo ropes
18 Tropical fruits
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43 Trigger's rider
44 Salon request
45 Tile art
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55 Actor Danson
56 Sheepish remark
57 Hockey great Gretzky

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11 Unkempt
17 Cake enhancements
19 Engine sound
21 PC program
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24 Air safety org.
26 Blueprint, e.g.
28 Bistro handouts
30 That girl
32 Theft
33 Author Umberto
34 Firmament
36 One-celled creature
38 Pie-in-the-face sound
39 Throw with force
40 Goofed
42 Showy parrot
45 Actress Sorvino
46 "Casablanca" role
48 Wild bunch
50 Swamp
51 Three, in Rome

Solution time: 25 mins.

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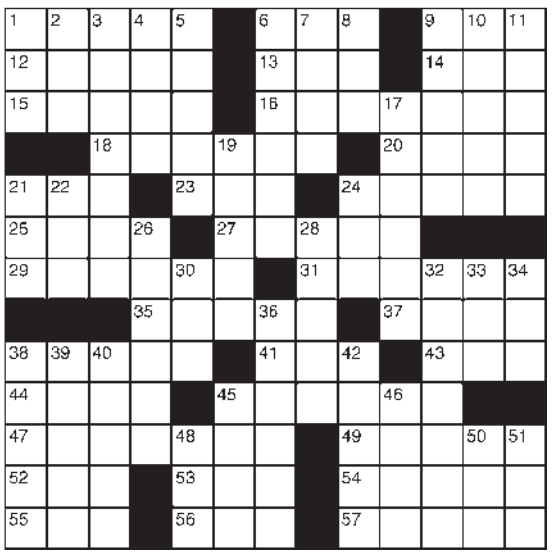
Yesterday's answer 10-28



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Joaquin Phoenix, 42; Brad Paisley, 44; Julia Roberts, 49; Caitlyn Jenner, 67.

Happy Birthday: Don't venture too far outside your comfort zone. Being intrigued by unusual places and people is no reason to dismiss the friends and familiarities you've counted on in the past. Mix the old with the new and you will find common ground. Your competitive personality must be channeled carefully. Make choices for the right reasons. Your numbers are 6, 14, 23, 28, 34, 43, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You'll improve your financial situation by cutting back on things that aren't necessary. A problem with a superior at work must be handled delicately. Focus on self-improvement, not trying to change others. A romantic gesture is encouraged. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Aim for new accomplishments and you will feel satisfied at the end of the day. Take an aggressive approach to any physical chore, but when it comes to emotional issues, take a moment to breathe before you say something you might regret. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Functions that are work-oriented will allow you to share your thoughts and ideas. Mix business with pleasure and you will gain on both fronts. Don't feel like you have to spend money to impress someone. Let your knowledge and expertise be your gift. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't make rash decisions or sudden changes that will affect the way you live or result in a costly debt. Simplicity and moderation will pay off. Don't get involved in a risky venture that can disrupt your financial future. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Plan some downtime with the people you enjoy the most. A walk down memory lane will make you realize how lucky you are. Romance is on the rise, and making special plans for two will pay off. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Be careful how you delegate your time. Think matters through and make plans that ensure you get to do something you enjoy. Incentives will help motivate you to accomplish more. Don't blow an incident out of proportion. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Put your thoughts, energy and attention into improving your relationships with the people you love. Your sincerity and desire to help will discourage anyone who has a complaint from speaking up. Romance will brighten your day and your personal life. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Be careful when socializing with the people you do business with. Someone will get the wrong impression if you are too friendly. You will get the most mileage out of working on your own to fine-tune your talents. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Use all your contacts to help you bring about the changes you need to make and you will be able to stay under budget. Someone will have ulterior motives, so find out what the payback will be before you accept help. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You'll have to think twice before you get involved in some of the suggestions being made by friends, relatives or peers. Don't feel obligated to do what everyone else is doing. Make smart choices based on knowledge and experience. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Money, love and adventure are all within your reach. Plan to have some fun with people who you know are just as willing to experiment and set new trends as you are. Romance is encouraged and will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Someone will take advantage of you if you are too willing to share your talents and expertise. Only offer a nibble of what you have to offer and you will entice someone to make you an offer. Invest in yourself. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are proactive, outgoing and unpredictable. You are sensitive and appealing.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/28

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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5	3	9	4	6	2	7	8	1
8	6	2	1	7	9	5	4	3
1	4	7	3	8	5	6	2	9

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	)	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0060**
	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION**
FERMINA KAIPAT aka FILIMENIA RABAULIMAN KAIPAT/FELOMENIA RABAULIMAN, Decedent.	)	

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE FERMINA KAIPAT aka FILIMENIA RABAULIMAN KAIPAT/FELOMENIA RABAULIMAN OR HER ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wilfred P. Kaipat, Administrator of the Estate of Fermina Kaipat, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a Petition for Decree of Final Distribution. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition for Decree of Final Distribution is scheduled to be heard on November 17, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

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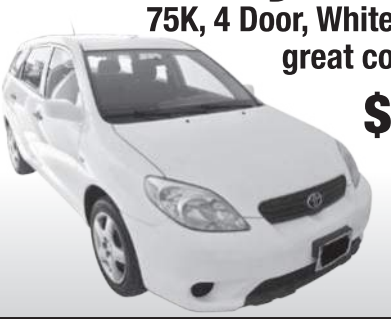

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Arrieta deals, Cubs awaken, top Indians to even World Series

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In this multiple exposure picture, Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta throws against the Cleveland Indians during the fifth inning of Game 2 of the Major League Baseball World Series Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Jake Arrieta made a teasing try at history, Kyle Schwarber drove in two runs and the Chicago Cubs brushed off a shutout to even the World Series with their first Fall Classic win in 71 years, 5-1 over the Cleveland Indians in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Arrieta carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning, briefly invoking Don Larsen's name, before the Indians touched him for two hits and a run. However, the right-hander helped give Chicago just what it needed—a split at Progressive Field—before the Cubbies return to their Wrigley Field den for the next three games starting Friday night.

The Cubs hadn't won in the Series since beating Detroit 8-7 in 1945 to force Game 7.

The free-swinging Schwarber, who made it back for Chicago's long-awaited Series return after missing most of the season with an injured left knee, hit an RBI single in the third off Cleveland's Trevor Bauer and had another in the Cubs' three-run fifth—highlighted by Ben Zobrist's run-scoring triple.

Even the presence of star LeBron James and the NBA champion Cavaliers, sporting their new rings, couldn't stop the Indians from losing for the first time in six home games this postseason.

And Cleveland manager Terry Francona's magical touch in October finally fizzled as he dropped to 9-1 in Series games.

With rain in the forecast, Major League Baseball moved the first pitch up an hour in hopes of avoiding delays or a postponement.

It turned out to be a good call as the game went on without a hitch and ended after more than four hours as light rain was beginning to fall.

Arrieta and the Cubs provided the only storm.

The bearded 30-year-old coasted through five innings without allowing a hit, the first pitcher to get that deep in a Series game with a no-hitter since David Cone of the New York Yankees in 1998.

For a brief period, Arrieta looked as if he might challenge Larsen's gem - a perfect game - in 1956 before Indians second baseman Jason Kipnis, a die-hard Cubs fan as a kid, doubled with one out in the sixth .

Before that, Cleveland hitters had a couple good swings, and drew three walks, but couldn't mount a real threat. Arrieta has two career no-hitters, in fact, including the only one in the majors this year.

Cubs lefty Mike Montgomery replaced Arrieta and worked two scoreless innings before Aroldis Chapman came in and unleashed his 103 mph heat while getting the last four outs.

The teams will have an off day before the series resumes with Game 3 at Wrigley, which will host its first Series game since Oct. 6, 1945, when tavern owner Billy Sianis was asked to leave with his pet goat, Murphy, and a curse was born.

Josh Tomlin will start for the Indians, who will lose the designated hitter in the NL ballpark, against Kyle Hendricks.

Schwarber might also wind up on the bench after two days as the DH.

With a gametime temperature of 43, the weather was more fitting for the Browns and Bears to bang heads than the boys of summer.

The Cubs were the ones who came up thumping after being blanked 6-0 in Game 1 by Corey Kluber and Cleveland's shut-down bullpen.

Zobrist's one-out triple triggered the fifth as the Cubs opened a 5-0 lead, not that Arrieta needed it.

After Anthony Rizzo walked following a 10-pitch at-bat, Zobrist laced a ball off Zach McAllister that was going to be a double until right fielder Lonnie Chisenhall slipped and fell. Rizzo was waved around and Zobrist hustled into third.

Schwarber followed with his second RBI and reliever Bryan Shawn later walked No. 9 hitter Addison Russell with the bases loaded.

Unlike his start in Toronto on Oct. 17, when his stitched cut opened up and Bauer was forced to make a bloody departure in the first inning, his finger held up fine.

The Cubs, though, put a few nicks in him in 3 2/3 innings.

The drone accident has brought attention to the quirky Bauer, and one Chicago fan tried to rattle the right-hander by sending a smaller version of the remote-controlled, flying object that cut him.

Bauer posted a photo of it on Twitter, saying "I see the @Cubs fans love me! How nice of them to send me a gift!"

The Cubs, who were off balance from the start against Kluber, scored their first run in a Series game since '45 in the first on Rizzo's RBI double .

Bauer needed 51 pitches to get through two innings, and he was one strike from getting out of the third unscathed when Chicago turned a walk and to singles into a 2-0 lead.

Bauer beaten by Cubs instead of bloodied by drone

CLEVELAND (AP)—Trevor Bauer had hoped to pitch a bloody good game. Instead, he had trouble finding the plate and his pitch count rose rapidly.

Nine days after he walked off the mound with his stitched-up right pinkie dripping blood as if in some horror flick, Bauer failed to finish the fourth inning and left the Cleveland Indians with a two-run deficit. The Chicago Cubs went on to a 5-1 victory Wednesday night behind Jake Arrieta, tying the World Series at one game apiece as it heads to Wrigley Field for the first time since 1945.

"I just wasn't sharp for whatever reason," Bauer said.

His postseason interrupted by a sliced finger, the result of tinkering with one of the drones he enjoys flying as a hobby, Bauer never got into a flow against the Cubs. He started six of his first nine batters with balls while scattering pitches high, low and wide. Anthony Rizzo's RBI double in the first and Kyle Schwarber's run-scoring single in the third—his first hit on a 3-0 pitch—built Chicago's 2-0 lead.

"They never let him settle into the game," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "They didn't chase. They had a lot of deep counts."

Bauer said he entered the start with his normal routine, but did throw to batters on Monday. He needed 87 pitches to get 11 outs on the 43-degree night.

"Tough conditions to play in, obviously," he said.

A 25-year-old right-hander selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks from UCLA with the third pick in the 2011 amateur draft, Bauer is somewhat of an eccentric. He prepares for starts by making long tosses of about 300 feet between the foul poles. In an era when his colleagues are trying to refine and master two or three pitches, he throws a four-seam fastball, sinker, curveball, cutter, slider and changeup.

His curve stymied him early against the Cubs.

"It's tough on a cold night," Bauer said. "There's no moisture in the air, really. It's slippery. It's hard to get a feel for it. Went up in the cage after the second inning and threw like 20 or 30 of them and got the feel for it, and I thought I was pretty good after that."

Bauer won a career-best 12 games this year, but his notoriety increased exponentially after he got hurt Oct. 14. His finger was cut by his toy's propeller, a mishap that delayed his AL Championship Series outing against Toronto.

Bauer had the drone at the news conference before his Game 3 start, saying, "I brought my friend to answer any questions about what happened that I can't answer."

Bauer lasted just two outs against the Blue Jays because the 10 stitches he received didn't hold and he began bleeding on the mound. Cleveland's bullpen strung together 25 outs for the victory.

The odd accident turned Francona into a comedian, too. He said Monday he reserved the right to alter the team's Series roster "if we have another drone incident or anything with model airplanes or anything."

Before taking the mound, Bauer tweeted a photo of a small drone and a gift card that read "Go Cubs Go!"

"I see the @Cubs fans love me!" Bauer wrote. "How nice of them to send me a gift!"

His offerings to Chicago were generous. Bauer threw 53 pitches for strikes, allowing two runs and six hits in a 90-minute outing that, well, droned on and on as baseball officials fretted over whether rain would arrive before the final out. Sprinkles started in the eighth, but the game went on without interruption.

Francona said before the game he intended to use only three starting pitchers in the Series, bringing Game 1 winner Corey Kluber, Bauer and Game 3 starter Josh Tomlin back to face the Cubs on three days' rest.

"I like to pitch whenever they tell me to pitch," Bauer said. "I'll be ready."

Whiteside powers Heat to season-opening win

In Orlando, Fla., Miami center Hassan White had 18 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots and point guard Goran Dragic added 16 points as the Heat cruised to a season-opening victory over the Magic.

The Heat, taking advantage of the one-game suspension of Orlando center Bismack Biyombo, dominated inside all game with Whiteside and Willie Reed off the bench. Neither Nikola Vucevic nor Serge Ibaka could match the athleticism and strength of the 7-foot Whiteside inside.

The new-look Heat, playing without Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh this season, outscored the Magic in the paint 74-36 and outrebounded them 52-44.

Vucevic finished with 17 points and 14 rebounds while Evan Fournier added 20 points. Ibaka, making his debut with the Magic, managed 14 points on 6-of-17 shooting.

Pacers 130, Mavericks 121

In Indianapolis, Myles Turner scored 30 points, tied his career high with 16 rebounds and made a 3-pointer with 1:18 left in overtime to start an 8-0 run that allowed the Indiana Pacers to close out a 130-121 victory Wednesday night over the Dallas Mavericks.

Three-time All-Star Paul George added 25 points, including another 3 with 55 seconds left to seal Indiana's fifth season-opening win in six years.

Deron Williams scored 25 points, while J.J. Barea and Dirk Nowitzki each added 22 as the Mavs lost their fifth straight in the series. They still haven't won in Indianapolis since February 2014.

Dallas didn't tie the score or take a lead until the fourth quarter, yet still forced overtime when Harrison Barnes' open 3-pointer made it 115-all with 2.3 seconds left.

Turner could have won it with a long buzzer-beating 3, but it bounced off the back of the rim.

Thunder 103, 76ers 97

In Philadelphia, Russell Westbrook had 32 points, 12 rebounds and took over late to lead the Thunder to a victory over the 76ers.

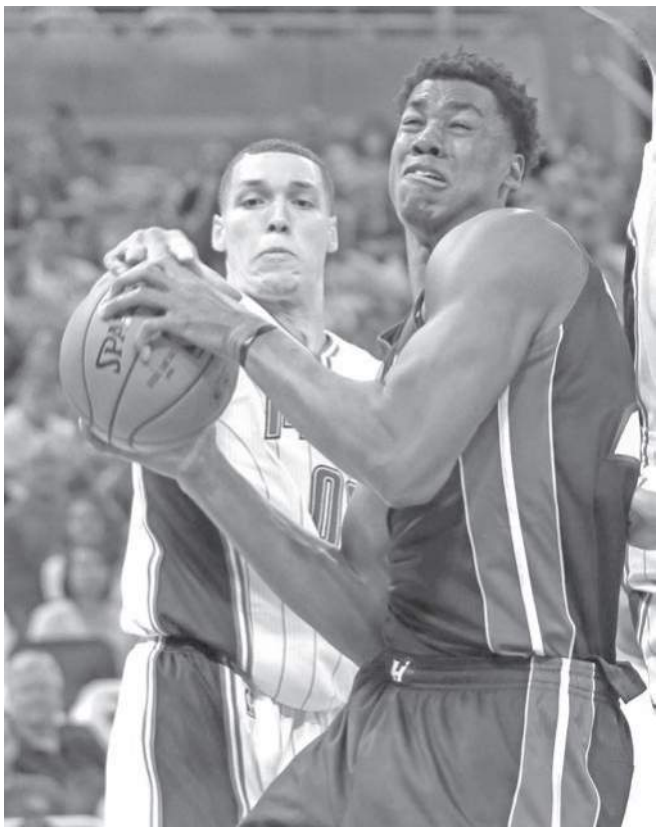
Westbrook scored the decisive points on opening night for the Thunder in their first game since franchise star Kevin Durant left in free agency and signed with the Golden State Warriors.

Joel Embiid scored 20 points in 22 minutes in his first game for the Sixers since they made him the No. 3 overall pick in the 2014 draft. Embiid had sat out the last two seasons with foot injuries. He received a roaring ovation when he was introduced and fans went wild on every shot.

Nuggets 107, Pelicans 102

In New Orleans, Jusuf Nurkic scored 23 points, Will Barton added 22, and the Nuggets survived a dominant performance by Anthony Davis to defeat the Pelicans.

Davis had 50 points, 16 rebounds, seven steals, five assists and four blocks. His production helped New Orleans trim a deficit as large as 14 late in the second quarter down to two points in the waning minutes. He simply didn't have enough help.



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Miami Heat's Hassan Whiteside, right, struggles to get off a shot as Orlando Magic's Aaron Gordon, left, gets his hand on the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, in Orlando, Fla.

Lakers 120, Rockets 114

In Los Angeles, Jordan Clarkson scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, and the Lakers won coach Luke Walton's debut, holding off the Rockets.

D'Angelo Russell scored 20 points and Julius Randle added 18 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the young Lakers, who got off to an exciting start in the franchise's first season without Kobe Bryant since 1995.

With a revamped roster coming off the worst season in the 16-time champion team's history, Los Angeles surged in the fourth quarter of an auspicious opener under Walton, the 36-year-old former Lakers forward.

James Harden had 34 points, a career-high 17 assists and eight rebounds for the Rockets, who lost in former Lakers coach Mike D'Antoni's debut on the Houston bench.

Hornets 107, Bucks 96

In Milwaukee, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 23 points and 14 rebounds in his return from a shoulder injury, Roy Hibbert added 15 points, and the Hornets opened their season with a victory over the Bucks.

The Hornets led by as many as 24 points in the third quarter before fending off a late charge from Milwaukee.

The Bucks, who looked lackluster for much of the game, drew energy from Greg Monroe's hustle in the paint and Jason Terry's floater that cut the lead to 93-85 with 5:08 left.

But the Hornets held on down the stretch, getting a straightaway 3 from Marvin Williams for a 12-point lead with 3:21 left.

Celtics 122, Nets 117

In Boston, Isaiah Thomas had 25 points and nine assists, Jae Crowder added 21 points and Al Horford pitched in 11 in his Boston debut as the Celtics survived a late scare to beat the Nets.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 21 for Brooklyn, including a 3-pointer to make it 120-117 with 47 seconds left after the Nets erased most of a 23-point deficit against the Boston bench. But he missed one with a chance to tie it after Joe Harris intercepted Thomas' cross-court pass, and the Celtics were able to hold on.

Raptors 109, Pistons 91

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 40 points and Jonas Valanciunas added a career-high 32 as the Raptors opened their season with a victory over the Pistons.

DeRozan made a career-high 17 field goals on 27 shots and was a perfect 6 for 6 from the free throw line, while Valanciunas was 10 for 15 from the field to go along with 11 rebounds. Valanciunas' previous career high was 31, also against the Pistons, on Jan. 12, 2015.

Tobias Harris had 22 points and Marcus Morris had 17 points and nine rebounds for the Pistons, who lost for the eighth time in their last 11 games against Toronto.

Grizzlies 102, Timberwolves 98

In Memphis, Tenn., Mike Conley scored 24 points, Marc Gasol added 18 and the Grizzlies overcame a slow start for a victory over the Timberwolves.

Conley and Gasol led a push down the stretch as the Grizzlies erased a 90-86 deficit the final 2:44. Zach Randolph had 19 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis.

Andrew Wiggins led the Timberwolves with 25 points, while Karl-Anthony Towns finished with 21. Zach LaVine added 19 points.

The game was the debut of two coaches with new teams, Tom Thibodeau for Minnesota and former Miami Heat assistant David Fizdale with Memphis.

Both teams had big runs in the game, Minnesota at the start and Memphis to open the second half. Then the game settled into a tight affair in the fourth quarter.

Kings 113, Suns 94

In Phoenix, DeMarcus Cousins scored 24 points, Rudy Gay added 22 and the Kings beat the Suns in the season opener for both teams.

The Kings won an opener for the first time in three years and gave coach Dave Joerger a victory in his Sacramento debut.

Sacramento used an 18-1 first-half run to take control and was up by as many as 26 points in the third quarter.

Devin Booker, plagued by foul trouble, scored 18 points for the Suns. Eric Bledsoe added 16 and T.J. Warren had 14. Dragan Bender, the 18-year-old fourth overall pick in this year's draft, scored 10 points for Phoenix, all in the second half.

DICKINSON

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School, as the former checked in at 27:13. Tiajavika Salas, also of SIS, joined Dickinson and Zhang in the Top 3 after posting 27:15. Eight other Agape runners and Mt. Carmel School's Quina Flores finished the three-lap race.

In the boys U18 division, Allan Zhao made it two in a row after registering 19:32 in last weekend's event. The Agape student broke the 19:58 he recorded in the Series 2 that he ruled. Series 1 winner and Zhao's teammate Caleb Wang had another runner-up finish after logging 20:06 in the final series. Despite placing second to Zhao, Wang managed to beat his times in the first (20:45) and second (20:18) legs.

Sixteen other Agape runners completed the boys U18 course, including third placer Henry Hu (21:21), while only one student from Mt. Carmel School—Christian Villacrusis (41:09)—joined the race.

In the U13 age group, SIS' Go Sekiguchi won for the first time, while Hopwood Junior High School's Conatsu Kaga earned back-to-back victories.

Conatsu capped the two-lap race in 14:31 to beat younger sister Coume and SIS' Victoria Torres, which clocked in at 16:17 and 17:57, respectively. One more Hopwood runner finished the two-mile race, while Saipan Community School had one finisher in the age group. Agape had 11 finishers with Elizabeth Xu the fastest among the Torchbearers with the field's fourth best time of 18:32.

In the girls U15, SIS runners still stood out with Anika Snyder and Tania Tan taking the Top 2 finish. Snyder, who ruled the first two legs, earned a sweep after posting 14:52 in the final leg. Tan, who was also runner-up to Snyder in the Series 1 and 2, recorded 15:13—her best time so far this season as she tallied 16:08 and 15:41 in the first two legs.

In the boys U15, there was a new winner in Ken Song, who clocked in at 13:01 to down 10 other runners. Agape's Xiong Lue and Peter Wang rounded out the Top 3 after checking in at 13:30 and 13:51, respectively.

CANADA

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World Sports Medicine Congress on Dec. 3 and 4.

Winkfield, in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, said the NMISF board will meet next week to discuss other details of their participation to the four events in Canada. He has also yet to decide on the races that Villacrusis, Welch, and De Jesus will be competing in.

Meanwhile, the clinic that Winkfield will be participating in will have U.S. men's Olympic coach Bob Bowman, U.S. Olympic women's David Marsh, British swimming head coach Bill Furniss, Canada swimming head coach Ben Titley, and Olympic medalist and elite coach Fred Vergnoux as resource speakers.

Meanwhile, the second local swim meet will be held on Nov. 12 when SSC hosts the 2016 All Schools Swimming Championships.

ACE

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cushion in the fourth frame, thanks to Jestoni Pineda's 3-point shooting and Angelo Fernandho's multiple baskets.

Pineda knocked in three triples in the pivotal fourth and had 11 of his 28 points in that quarter. Fernando also logged 28 markers, 8 of them came in the final canto.

Saipan Apparel only had Jerome Norita scoring more than one field goal in the fourth period and he recorded 13 of the team's 20 points in the last 10 minutes of play. Kelvin Fitial was held to a deuce after compiling 22 points in the first three quarters, while Pete Lizama and Derrick Rangamar registered the two other field goals for Saipan Apparel (3-3).

Wednesday Game

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Scoring by quarters: 21-21, 32-39, 59-54, 82-72.

Monday Game

5-Star 81— Fernando 28, Pineda 28, Munar 11, Hernaez 10, Babauta 6.

Saipan Apparel 76 — Fitial 24, Norita 17, Teregeyo 10, Derrick Rangamar 9, Lisua 8, Lizama 8.

Scoring by quarters: 12-14, 34-36, 56-56, 81-76.

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NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta thanked Triple J Motors and its management for their continued commitment to the association and the sport.

"We're very thankful to Triple J Motors for their continued support. With generous sponsors like them, we're able to grow the sport in the CNMI," Zapanta said.

The NMIFA official added that besides providing the official car to NMIFA, Triple J Motors will also be sponsoring the Sportsmanship Awards to be given to players in the NMIFA youth league at the end of the fall season and next year. Zapanta also said Triple J Motors has expressed an interest in hosting the awards ceremony for the same league.

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Triple J Motors extends support to CNMI soccer

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Triple J Motors will continue to help in the development of soccer in the CNMI through its partnership with the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association.

To start with, Triple J Motors turned over a brand new 2017 Mazda3i Touring hatchback to NMIFA last Wednesday.

"Triple J is proud to provide the 'official car' of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association. This brand new, 2017 Mazda3i Touring hatchback is donated to NMIFA for their use for two years and this is the second car that we have provided to the organization. This will be the fourth year of providing NMIFA with their 'official car' and this partnership with NMIFA is a great match for Triple J Motors for a number of reasons," Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele said.

Steele led the turnover ceremony, handing over the car key to NMIFA president Jerry Tan. Other NMIFA officials and members and coaches of the CNMI U16 boys and U18 girls national teams were also present at the ceremony.

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CNMI U16 boys and U19 girls players and coaches, NMIFA officials, and Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele, fourth right, pose for a photo during the turnover ceremony of a brand new 2017 Mazda3i Touring hatchback to NMIFA last Wednesday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele, fourth right, hands over the key of the brand new 2017 Mazda3i Touring hatchback to NMIFA president Jerry Tan, third right, during a turnover ceremony last Wednesday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. CNMI youth players, coaches, and NMIFA officials witnessed the event.

"First, the sport of soccer has grown enormously in the CNMI over the last decade, thanks to the tremendous efforts of Jerry Tan and all past and present NMIFA officers, coaches and staff. Soccer is an excellent way for the CNMI's youth and adults to stay fit and enjoy the camaraderie of a team sport. As a long-time youth soccer coach myself with the MP United Football Club, I know first-hand the benefits that organized soccer has provided to the youth of the CNMI, not only through the weekly matches but also with the opportunities to travel to Guam and other countries for tournaments, whether on a national team or even at the club level," Steele said.

The Triple J Motors general manager added that the children's parents also benefit from the sport, simply by being at their games, cheering them on and joining the camaraderie and fun that organized soccer offers.

"Often our club's parents have as much fun at the games as the kids do. Fi-

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Borja lifts Paire past TanHoldings in Dove women's league

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Paire Football Club's Guinevere Borja was on fire in their Division A game against TanHoldings FC, scoring five goals in their 7-3 victory last Sunday in the 2016 Dove Women's Fall League at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School Field.

Borja, who is scheduled to leave for China today to play for the CNMI U19 Women's National Team that will compete in the AFC U19 Women's Championship 2017, drilled his first two goals in the 14th and 17th minute to give Paire a precarious 2-1 halftime edge.

Krizel Tuazon lit up the board for TanHoldings in the 23rd to keep their team in the game, but not for long, as Borja was still on target in the second half. Borja's got a hat trick in the final frame, lighting up the board in the 39th, 42nd, and 49th minute. Paire added two more goals with Angel Sally and Pinyarat Shankweiler finding the back of the net in the 56th and 63rd minute, respectively.

TanHoldings countered with only two goals in the second half, courtesy of Mary Kay Alferos' shot in the 47th minute and Liz Phan's conversion in the 68th.

In the other Division A match, Kanoa and Shirley's had a draw.

Anna Karaoetyan and Paulyn Joyce scored for Kanoa, while Shirley's got its two goals from Diana Manacop and Mae Ito.

DIVISION B

Kanoa 2, Paire 1

Kanoa was victorious in its Division B assignment last weekend after nipping Paire.

Kanoa made all its two goals in the second half with Jenny Lee scoring the first one in the 36th minute and Mariebell Aldan nailing the go-ahead a minute late.

Paire registered the first goal in the last match in the division off Patricia Surima's shot in the 13th minute.

Kagman 2, Babs 2

In the first game, Babs also recorded two goals in the second half to force a draw against Kagman.

Both goals came from Manami Tadakoro, while Mary Grace Anon and Aira May Ngalongalo scored for Kagman.

MP United 4, Shirley's 3

Maaya Sato and Kye Tamm teamed up in lifting MP United past Shirley's in the second match in the division.

Sato and Tamm earned two goals apiece with the former knocking in the go-ahead in the second half. Tamm's first goal was also posted in the second half, while Sato handed MP United one goal in the first and one more in the final frame.

Thereze Millare tallied two goals, too for Shirley's, which drew one from Marilou Arriola.

MPU, Kanoa keep clean slates; Paire wins

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MP United Football Club and Kanoa FC retained their unbeaten records in the fall season of the M-League, while Paire FC got its first win last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MP United improved its win-draw-loss mark to 2-0-0 following a 1-0 victory over TanHoldings FC in the second Division A game last weekend. Jonathan Takano scored the lone goal in the match in the 53rd minute to hand TanHoldings its first loss in three matches.

In the last Division A tiff, Paire bounced back from its season debut loss to TanHoldings after shutting down Matansa, 2-0. Chris Nelson knocked in the pair of goals for Paire, including a low header off a pass from Ryu Tanzawa in the 18th minute. Nelson posted his second goal also in the first half, as he found his target anew in the 35th.

The Matansa-Paire tiff was shortened as center referee Jersh Angeles halted the game in the 63rd minute following a bad fall from the former's Josiegen Soquena who collided with a Paire player during a corner kick play. Medics arrived at the pitch to check on Soquena just when the sun was starting to set and the opposing teams agreed to call it a day. Matansa absorbed its third loss in as many matches, while Soquena, fortunately, is fine after receiving immediate treatment from the Emergency Medical Services staff members.

In the first Division A match, Sun Palace improved to a 2-0-1 record after edging Korean Football Association on Saipan.

Hojin Woo drilled the go-ahead goal in the 72nd minute, while Hyunjun Roh made the equalizer in the 59th. Earlier in the 17th minute, Edwin Kim hit the board to give KFAS the shaky lead at halftime. KFAS played its first game of the season.

Meanwhile, in Division B, Kanoa now holds a 3-0-0 mark after crushing the winless Dragon FC last Sunday, 13-0.

Andruw Omelau led Kanoa's demolition of Dragon FC (0-0-3) after scoring four goals in succession in the first half, which ended with the division leader way ahead, 7-0.

In the other Division B match last Sunday, the CNMI U16 Boys National Team and Shirley's played at the Hopwood Junior High School and settled for a 1-1 draw.

Anthony Fruit gave the NMI U16 its only goal in the match in the 10th minute, while Kosuke Sato's shot in the 20th allowed Shirley's to tie the game. With the match ending in a draw, as both teams were quiet in the remaining minutes of the first half and the entire second, Shirley's and the NMI U16 now hold similar 2-1-0 slates.

The NMI Women's-Thundercats duel last Saturday at the Oleai pitch also finished in a draw. Jeraldine Castillo scored for NMI Women's (0-1-1), while the Thundercats (0-1-2) drew their lone goal from Norman Camacho.

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Paire Football Club's Yasuda Tadaomi, third left, protects the ball from Matansa's Amzhad Khan, left, during the first half of their Division A game in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Ace, 5-Star upset opponents

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5-Star Construction's Francis Estanislao pulls up for a shot against two MGNEL Construction defenders during an earlier game in the MIBF caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. 5-Star stunned Saipan Apparel in last Monday's lone match at the San Antonio court.

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Ace Hardware and 5-Star Construction stunned their favored opponents in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League.

Ace Hardware downed erstwhile unbeaten Ol'Aces, 82-72, last Wednesday night at the San Antonio court, while 5-Star edged Saipan Apparel, 81-76, last Monday. Only one match was played last Wednesday, as the Saipan Antonio-GMI tiff in the second game was rained out, while Duenas Compound was awarded a win via forfeiture (no show) against the Chinese Association last Monday.

With Ace Hardware handing the Ol'Aces their first loss this season, there is now a three-way tie for the lead in the 11-team field. The Ol'Aces, Ace Hardware, and Duenas Compound are in a deadlock for the top spot with their similar 5-1 records.

Marvin Rabauliman, Ken Viray, Sid Quan, and Alex Lauron teamed up in Ace Hardware's upset of the Ol'Aces as the quartet combined for more than half of the team's output after scoring in double figures. Rabauliman had his first twin-digit contribution for Ace Hardware after making 19 points—the same output Viray had—while Quan and Lauron logged 18 and 10, respectively.

Rabauliman and company alternately hit baskets for Ace Hardware in the fourth quarter to keep its distance against the Ol'Aces, which had the driver's seat after the first half, but lost it after firing blanks in the second.

In last Monday's game, 5-Star also played better in the fourth canto to eke out a 5-point win over Saipan Apparel.

The opposing teams were back to square at the start of the final period as the third quarter ended in a tie, 56-all. 5-Star (3-4) then managed to gain

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3 swimmers to compete in Canada

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The CNMI will have three swimmers competing in the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships that will be held in Canada in December this year.

Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation has selected Saipan Swim Club's Christian Villacrusis and Salofi Welch and Tsunami Saipan's Angel De Jesus to represent the Commonwealth in the short-course (25M) meet that will take place at the Windsor Family Credit Union Centre in Windsor, Ontario from Dec. 6 to 11. David Boyer, also of SSC, was named alternate on the young swim team.

Joining the three CNMI swimmers in Canada is head coach Jacoby Winkfield, who will also attend the FINA Swimming Coaches Golden Clinic on Dec. 4 and 5. Completing the CNMI delegation to the FINA events are NMIFA president John Hirsh and board member Emma Perez. Hirsh will represent the Commonwealth in the FINA World Aquatics Convention at the Caesar Windsor Resort and Convention Center from Dec. 3 to 5, while Perez will join the FINA

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Salofi Welch, seen here competing in a local meet in February this year, is one of three CNMI swimmers who will race in the 13th FINA World Swimming Championships in Canada this December.

Dickinson sweeps cross country series

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Saipan International School's Isabel Dickinson won all three legs of the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series.

Dickinson clocked in at 24:18 in the three-mile race last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field for her third straight first place finish in the girls U18 division. Her time in the final series was better than her 24:56 in the second leg. The SIS runner had the fastest time (24:08) in the opening leg early this month. NMA held the first three legs in preparation for the cross country championships that will be held on Nov. 5.

Dickinson defeated perennial rival Ella Zhang of Agape Christian

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Saipan International School's Isabel Dickinson swept the three legs of the NMA cross country series held at the CPA Airport Field.